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Analysis

Peace— a year later

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A year has elapsed since Israel and Egypt signed their historic peace treaty in Washington, D.C. The accord has had positive and beneficial effects, notably the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two former enemies. But on balance, the euphoria that greeted the agreement in Jerusalem, Cairo and Washington has vanished and been replaced by a sober realism.

"Peace in our time," a phrase bandied about in the wake of the treaty, has not descended on the Middle East. Though Israel is at peace with the most influential and powerful Arab land, the consensus of observers in the West is that a comprehensive settlement is still far in the distance.

The Camp David accords, upon which the Israeli-Egyptian treaty is built, held out the hope that the bilateral agreement signed by Israel and Egypt would lead to a comprehensive pact involving Jordan, Syria and the Palestinians. But this has not happened and the anticipated "domino theory," whereby the Arabs would fall into place, sooner or later, has simply not materialized.

On the first anniversary of the treaty, the mistrust of which Anwar Sadat spoke of when he visited Israel almost

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PAINTS SYNAGOGUES NAZIS DESTROYED

Montreal artist Nathan Kaplan studies one of his paintings of an East European shul destroyed by the Nazis. Kaplan has a large collection of such paintings. He feels this is one aspect of Jewish life not to be forgotten. Kaplan, who has a book containing photos of the shuls, said Jews were often burned to death in them.

What's our role in referendum?
Jewish Quebecers express views

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

What role should Quebec Jews play in the campaign leading to the referendum in June on sovereignty-association?

Should Canadian Jewish Congress, the official spokesman of the Jewish community of Quebec, depart from its traditional political neutrality and take a public position on sovereignty-association?

The Canadian Jewish News asked some well-known Jewish Quebecers to respond to these questions. Here are their comments, in condensed form:

Harry Bloomfield, defeated Progressive Conservative candidate in Mount Royal in the last federal election: "Jews must be more politically active. One of their big mistakes, particularly in Quebec, has been lack of participation in politics, whatever party.

"As for Congress, I have to be very practical; what influence will it have, won't it be preaching to the converted? I do think that every citizen and every organization in Quebec should take a position (on the referendum), and, yes, Congress falls into that category. But Congress' main job should be to get out the vote."

David Rome, authority on Canadian Jewish history: "Each Jewish individual should act as his conscience directs him...Although I am a keen federalist and a strong no supporter, it has nothing to do with my being Jewish... In no way should Congress act against its tradition of non-partisanship..."

Lionel Albert, computer consultant, defender of anglophone rights, and co-author with MNA William Shaw of the soon-to-be released book **Partition: The Price of Quebec's Independence:** "All federalists, Jewish or non-Jewish, should not take the referendum too seriously...We should remain completely calm; negotiations over sovereignty-association are ridiculous. Sovereignty-association can never be...But we should be prepared for a panic among anglophones and the serious economic consequences a yes vote could have.

"Congress should not campaign...It might simply point out that Jews could face serious problems if Canada ceased to exist. Otherwise, I think it should say very little."

Eric Maldoff, lawyer and founder-president of the Council of Quebec Minorities: "No Quebecer should sit on the fence. Everyone must take a stand as individuals on whatever side.

"Congress should not under any circumstances become involved in a partisan way."

David Levine, executive assistant to Economic Development Minister Bernard Landry: "Jews should play an individual role according to how they feel...Jewish institutions, as Jewish institutions, should not get involved."

Dr. Phil Gold, famed cancer researcher: "Whatever happens after the referendum we should not subsequently talk about what we 'should have done.' We should not wait until the 11th hour and issue a panic statement...but pray now for well thought out responses. Congress should take a stand. Its position of neutrality can be modified to suit its needs."

No for Arafat

BONN [JTA] —

Simone Veil, president of the Parliament of Europe, indicated during a visit here that the body over which she presides would not invite Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization which is being courted by several European governments, to address that body.

Veil also observed that the nine member states of the European Economic Community [EEC] cannot be prevented by the European parliament from launching their planned Middle East initiative.

To mark uprising

TORONTO —

The 37th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be remembered at a community assembly on Sunday afternoon, April 13, at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The public is invited to attend the program, sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress' Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Chairman of the committee, Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro, noted that "35 years after the liberation of the concentration camps, and 35 years after the end of World War II, the horror of the Nazi Holocaust still defies understanding."

Rabbi Henry Hoschander will deliver the benediction at the memorial service that will also include a presentation by Cantors Louis Danto, Harold Klein and Ben Maissner.

Children of survivors will light six memorial candles with the assistance of six survivors.

The main address will be delivered by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, president of Canadian Jewish Congress. Zvi Ferens, a survivor of the Holocaust, will speak in Yiddish.

David Ariel, consul general of Israel, will represent his country at the service.

Young people actively involved in Congress region elections

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

An unprecedented turnout of young people — more than half of the 500 in attendance at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario regional meeting here — saw the addition of 213 nominations to an already overstocked slate of non-affiliated Toronto delegates for the upcoming Congress national plenary assembly.

The results of the evening's vote, to choose the allowable number of non-affiliated delegates, will be determined and publicized as soon as possible, Congress officials noted.

A maximum of 370 delegates, independent of organization or synagogue affiliation, can be elected from Toronto. Last week's voters had 635 to choose from.

In addition to these, the Ontario region will send another 181 unaffiliated delegates from communities outside Toronto: 61 from Ottawa, 30 each from Hamilton, Windsor and London; and an additional 30 from other communities.

Nominees not in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal can have their nomination or election invalidated.

Among those in attendance at the meeting were the two candidates for the Canadian Jewish Congress national presidency: David Satok and Irwin Cotler.

Several of the young people told The CJN of their support for Cotler, insisting it was spontaneous.

Cotler, himself, told The CJN he did not organize the students. "It should be perfectly clear that young people are independent. Congress' objective is to encourage the involvement of young people, and this bodes well for Congress and Canadian Jewry." He told The CJN he was in Toronto to attend the regional meeting and to address a meeting of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East the next day.

Satok told The CJN he didn't think "young people can be influenced as a bloc." He added: "I think it's a very good idea that they organized themselves to take part in Congress workings."

Robert Gasner, 22, chairman of Students Network, told The CJN that "people are not here to vote either for Cotler or Satok," but attended "just to have a say in Congress."

During the meeting, Mira Koschitzky was nominated to succeed Sam Filer as Ontario regional chairman. Filer was nominated as CJC national vice-president from the Ontario region. Further nominations for regional chairman and national vice-president are open until April 17.

Cairo University vice-president at BGU parley in Montreal

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The vice-president of Cairo University, Subhi Abdul Haki, and the rector of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, David Wolf, participate jointly in the upcoming international energy conference here sponsored by the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

The conference probably marks the first occasion, other than the peace treaty negotiations, that Israelis and Egyptians will sit down together to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern in the field of energy.

Taking place at Concordia University April 12 and 13, the conference, entitled, "Beyond Oil," will include participation of faculty from the Universite de Montreal, Universite de Quebec a Montreal, McGill University, Concordia, Ben-Gurion and Cairo University.

The joint participation of Israelis and Egyptians is not the only first of the conference.

As well, this will be the first conference of its kind which will attempt to bring the lay public into a forum where there can be dialogue with scientists and experts in the field of energy.

"We want to draw the general public into the discussions," stressed Miriam Firstman, a conference coordinator. "The more information people have, the better decisions they can make about the best uses of energy.

"Although much of the conference will be of a technical nature and a dialogue between scientists, there will be summaries of the papers in a language geared to the lay person. As well, there will be sessions which will bring together the scientists and the public so they can discuss mutual concerns."

The conference has a three-fold theme: alternative energy sources to oil, conservation of energy, and human settlement.

"The aims of the conference are relatively simple but most important," says Mrs. Firstman, who first became involved with Ben-Gurion because of her concern about energy. "We want the public to become aware of the problems facing the world with respect to energy sources; we want to provide a forum for interchange between scientists as well as an opportunity for scientists and the public to interact. Finally, it is important the community at large make a commitment to both the conservation of energy and the use of renewable energy sources."

Peter Jacobs, the associate dean of research in the faculty of architecture at the University of Montreal and a conference participant, stressed that the public must change present concepts about energy.

"Energy has been so cheap for so long, we never considered it a constraint," he said. "Now we are discovering it is the tip of a much larger iceberg.

"The relationship of energy to settlement must be explored," Jacobs explained. "Communities must learn to become energy efficient rather than deficient.

"The public must learn to use energy in a more moderate way. Until now, economic thinking has been on initial cost. The question has been, not — can I afford to buy a home, but rather, can I afford to run one."

"Ultimately, the public may be willing initially to invest 10% more to buy a home with good insulation. This would mean a long-range saving of 10% a year."

Three days prior to the conference opening, there will be a display, including energy efficient household appliances, a model solar home and an electric car in the lobby of Concordia University, 1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. West. A film festival will run concurrently. The exhibition and the film festival are open to the public free of charge.

(Howard Kay photo)

Peter Jacobs and Miriam Firstman discuss the upcoming international energy conference, sponsored by Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, taking place in Montreal.

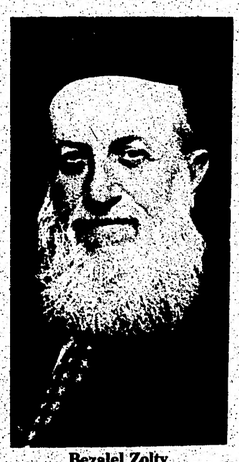
Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Zolty to visit Toronto and Montreal

By DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Bezalel Zolty, 64, the chief rabbi of Jerusalem, will pay an official visit to Montreal and Toronto in response to a joint invitation from these two communities' lay and rabbinic leadership. Rabbi Zolty will be in Canada April 10-17, his first trip here.

Rabbi Zolty will meet community and civic leaders in both cities, give lectures, and discuss the work of Jerusalem Institute of Talmudic Research.

The rabbi serves on the praesidium of the Jerusalem Institute, together with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Sephardic chief rabbi of Israel, and Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Aurbach, dean of Yeshivath Kol Torah. The institute's two main functions are: to restore and publish neglected Talmudic literature from across the world; and to proceed with the publication of its Hebrew encyclopedia on the Talmud. The latter project is sponsored by the well known Canadian philanthropic couple, Faye and Joseph Tanenbaum, who will be honored Saturday night April 12, at the rabbi's public address in Toronto.



Bezalel Zolty

The Jerusalem-born Zolty was considered a prodigy as a child. He was accepted as a judge of Jewish law while still a youth, and became the foremost halachic authority in Jersualem. Subsequently elected to the Supreme Court of Israel and made head of the rabbinical court, he became a much sought guest lecturer in Talmudic academies across the world.

Rabbi Zolty will be arriving in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon, April 9, where he will remain until Sunday. He will officiate at various functions and seminars in Montreal from Monday night, April 14, to Thursday, April 17. A one-day stopover in Ottawa after the Toronto segment of his tour may be arranged but this has not been confirmed as yet.

Among the highlights in Toronto will be: a tour of the day schools, on Thursday; a welcoming luncheon hosted by the Canadian Jewish Congress Orthodox Division, on Friday; a visit to City Hall, also on Friday; a visit and lecture at Clanton Park Synagogue and Agudath Israel Congregation, respectively, on Saturday, and a public address on the spiritual and physical aspects of Jerusalem. The latter will be given to the men of the community on Saturday night at the Torah Emeth Synagogue and to the women Sunday at 2.30 p.m. at Beth Jacob High School.

The Montreal highlights include: a welcoming luncheon hosted by the Jewish Community Council of Montreal on Tuesday, April 15; a lecture for women at the Beth Jacob Academy on Wednesday at 2 p.m.; a tour of local Jewish schools on Thursday and a grand reception and lecture the same evening at the Yeshiva Merkaz Hatorah.

In Toronto, Rabbi Zolty and his wife will be staying at the home of Sandy Hofstedter; in Montreal, with Moshe Salzberg.

The Jerusalem Institute, established 12 years ago in the Old City, currently employs 30 full-time scholars in organizing, cataloguing and preparing for display or publication Talmudic commentaries as yet uncirculated.

Another 10 scholars are involved in the writing of digests for and the publication of the institute's encyclopedia of the Talmud, the **Otzar Meforshai HaTalmud.**

Rabbi Abraham Kabalkin, co-founder of the Jerusalem Institute, told The Canadian Jewish News that five volumes of the encyclopedia have been published so far. Seventy volumes are projected in all, with a publication rate of two per year.

Chaim Guttman, American national director of the institute, pointed out that the second volume was dedicated by the Bessin family of Toronto to the late Jacob Herzog, former Israel ambassador to Canada.

The PLO threat

Excerpts from the national covenant of the PLO:

The partitioning of Palestine in 1947 and the establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void.

Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine and is therefore a strategy and not tactics.

Allan Bronfman

His death marks end of an era

MONTREAL —

Allan Bronfman, the youngest and last surviving of the four Bronfman brothers, died after a lengthy illness March 26 at the Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital. He was 84.

Hundreds of mourners attended the funeral held at the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim March 28 and conducted by its spiritual leader Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat.

His death marks the passing of an era, as the last male member of his generation of the Bronfman family. Only three daughters of the eight children of Russian immigrants Ekiel and Minnie Bronfman, who were among the first Jewish settlers in Canada's West, remain.

Bronfman is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lucy, and sons Edward and Peter, now of Toronto.

A tribute issued on behalf of Canadian Jewish Congress by Rabbi W.G. Plaut, president, David Satok, chairman of the board and Alan Rose, executive vice-president stated: "Allan Bronfman was a giant in the Canadian Jewish community who pursued every Jewish endeavor. His service spanned decades of dedication towards the advancement of Israel, the Jewish people and all his fellow Canadians. He will long be remembered as one who added lustre to klal Yisroel."

Bronfman was known as a kind and gentle man whose great legacy is his more than half a century of work on behalf of a multitude of philanthropic causes, both in the Jewish and general communities, at the local, national and international levels.

Allan Bronfman

At a community tribute to him in Montreal on his 80th birthday in 1975, Bronfman summed up his personal philosophy this way: "The world is my country, all mankind is my brethren."

The founding of a Jewish hospital here was perhaps his greatest goal after he arrived in Montreal in 1924 from his native Brandon, Man., to join his brothers Sam, Abe and Harry in the family distillery business, Seagram's Ltd. For many years he served as the company's vice-president and director.

In 1928, with Michael Hirsch, Bronfman raised the unheard of amount in those days of $1,600,000 for a Jewish hospital. The Jewish General was officially dedicated in 1934 and Bronfman was its president from 1933-

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55, retiring to become honorary president for the rest of his life.

Under his presidency, the JGH developed into one of the leading hospitals in Quebec in health care and research. The east wing pavilion was named in honor of Bronfman and his wife Lucy in 1975.

Bronfman later put his immense fund raising and leadership skills into the founding of the Combined Jewish Appeal in 1941 and served as its first chairman. This was the first major effort to unite the fund raising campaigns of the city's leading welfare organizations. Bronfman was the only person to ever serve twice as general chairman of the CJA, returning in 1968.

He organized and addressed hundreds of meetings on behalf of CJA. Bronfman was a familiar and beloved figure throughout the years at CJA social functions and canvassers' rallies — at home with both the donors and the workers.

Reflecting his dedication to Israel and education (he was 15 when he entered the University of Manitoba and only 22 when he got his law degree), Bronfman was one of the founders of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1944. He was the Canadian Friends' national president for more than 25 years and also served on the University's International board of governors.

The Bronfmans dedicated an amphitheatre at the Hebrew University in the name of their late daughter Mona Bronfman Sheckman in 1957, and later donated the Allan Bronfman family agricultural school near Jerusalem.

In the 60s, Bronfman introduced the Family Endowment Plan to provide for the maintenance needs of the university, and travelled to the United States, Great Britain, Europe, Australia, as well as across Canada to popularize the plan.

In 1972, Bronfman was named national president of the State of Israel Bond Organization in Canada. Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson was guest speaker at an Israel Bond dinner honoring Bronfman as its Man of the Year in 1964.

During World War II, Bronfman served in the Royal Canadian Artillery reserve. He headed a national fund raising campaign on behalf of the war effort, the highlight of which was a mass national rally at the Montreal Forum attended by Eleanor Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

He developed lasting friendships with many of Israel's leading personalities, including David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Abba Eban. Among the plethora of honors that were bestowed upon him over the years, were honorary doctorate degrees from the Hebrew University (1957) and the University of Manitoba (1967); and a knighthood in the Order of St. John, conferred by Queen Elizabeth in 1974.

World News

OY, THAT'S BLARNEY

The Yiddish Sons of Erin, a group of Irish-born Jews living in the U.S., honored Shlomo Lahat, [Centre] the mayor of Tel Aviv, at St. Patrick's Day ceremony. With the mayor are David Sacks [left] and Michael Mann. They discussed producing a show called "The Israel Experience."

Carter signs new legislation to ease entry of refugees

WASHINGTON [JTA] — President Carter has signed into law legislation which establishes a comprehensive policy for the admission of refugees to the United States and for the provision of effective resettlement assistance after their arrival.

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, chairwoman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law, who introduced the legislation together with Rep. Peter Rodino, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said that the bill "mandates equity in our treatment of all refugees; it brings us into conformity with our international legal obligations; it provides set procedures for admission; and it creates a more effective and less costly method of resettlement."

The Congresswoman added: "Despite our humanitarian concern for those fleeing persecution, the United States has up to this time had no overall policy to respond to refugee situations as they have arisen. This has not only caused inordinate delays in admissions and led to great human suffering on the part of the refugees themselves, but has made long range planning by states and voluntary agencies involved in the resettlement process difficult. This bill resolves these problems."

The American Jewish Committee hailed the bill, known as the Refugee Act of 1980, which was signed by Carter last week. Bertram Gold, AJCommittee executive vice-president, pointed to several features of the legislation that were particularly welcome to the AJCommittee:

The broadening of the definition of the term "refugee" so that it applies no longer just to persons from Communist nations or the Middle East but to all persons outside their native countries "who would face persecution because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or for holding particular political opinions."

Gold added that this new definition of refugees, which now includes persons in their own countries whom the U.S. President specifies as subject to oppression, would be helpful to Jews, who "have often found themselves in this condition with small prospects of relief."

The section of the law that excludes men and women "who have persecuted others" from coming under its provisions. "This prevents, among others, Nazi war criminals from taking advantage of its provisions," Gold pointed out.

The increase in the number of refugees to be allowed into the U.S. each year for the next three fiscal years from 17,400 to 50,000, along with provisions to allow the President, "after carefully defined steps for consultation with Congress," to augment this number in case of emergencies.

The setting up for the first time of permanent machinery and procedures for administering resettlement programs for refugees and defining their legal status.

"While there is still debate on the advisability of some of these arrangements, in general they make significant progress in placing refugee administration and funding on a sound and regular basis," Gold stated.

First Reform rabbi ordained in Israel looked for 'modern religious expression'

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM — A highlight of the 21st International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, held recently in Jerusalem, was the ordination of Mordecai Rotem, the first Reform rabbi to be ordained in Israel. The 33-year-old Israeli will return as rabbi to his congregation in Haifa, where he lives with his wife and two children.

Rotem is the first graduate of Hebrew Union College's rabbinical program in Jerusalem. He holds two degrees in Bible from the Hebrew University, and is currently working on his doctorate.

Rabbi Rotem's ordination symbolizes the enhanced status which world Reform Jewry is now actively seeking in Israel. The conference, at which the 800 delegates met an array of Israeli politicians, called upon the government to grant Reform rabbis the right to perform marriages in Israel.

Rotem's ordination also marks a relatively new departure for Reform: the development of a uniquely Israeli variant.

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CJN: Reform is usually considered a Diaspora movement. Some of its components, such as use of the vernacular, are not really relevant to Israel. How did you, an Israeli-born Jew, come to align yourself with Reform?

Rotem: Two reasons. My own personal search for a modern expression of religious feelings, and also to do something for Jewish identity in Israel. Rabbi Reuven Samuels, principal of the Leo Baeck School in Haifa, where I studied and now teach, first influenced me in the direction of the rabbinate. When I spent six months in the U.S. as an exchange student on a Reform program, I became excited with the idea of combining modern life with Jewish identity, and applying it in a new way to Israel.

CJN: What do you hope to achieve in Israel?

Rotem: Israel needs a way of Jewishness to fit the non-orthodox, and I feel I should do something in this area. It's not a messiah complex, but I feel an obligation to change the prejudices of Israeli youth about Judaism. They know mainly orthodoxy, which they dislike. They do not see the core of Judaism. They see the religious parties, the extremism of some sects, the Galut type of Judaism. They see the scandalous relationship between Israel's two chief rabbis, and they turn away. I feel that through an Israeli style of Reform, they will come to know, understand and believe in Judaism.

CJN: What are WUPJ's aims in Israel?

Rotem: We want equal rights for Progressive Judaism, especially with regard to personal law, which is currently controlled by the Orthodox rabbinate. Our rabbis want to be able to perform marriage, divorce and conversion in Israel.

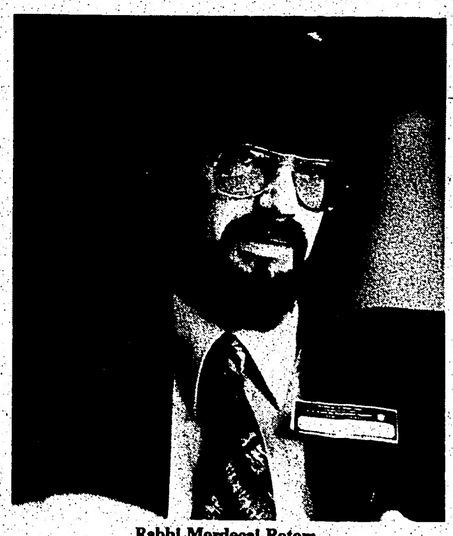
CJN: Are Reform congregations still harassed in Israel?

Rotem: Pressure of that kind no longer exists. We are allowed to function as long as we don't touch the jurisdiction of the religious authorities. We may hold ceremonies, educational programs and funeral services at the cemetery.

However, we are constantly approached by couples wanting to marry. In some cases they agree to marry at the rabbinate, treating it as a civil registration. They go along by themselves in jeans and sandals. In the evening, our rabbis perform the religious ceremony with the family and guests. But this is really playing games without confronting the real issue.

CJN: Many of these issues were raised by Rabbi Alexander Schindler in the presence of Prime Minister Begin at the official opening of the conference at the Knesset. Rabbi Schindler also deplored the fact that funds earmarked for the Reform movement's kibbutzim Yahel Alef and the new one, Yahel Bet, had not been allocated. And he went on to plead for a change in the government's settlement policy. Begin's speech did not touch upon these topics. How did the delegates feel about this?

Rotem: Actually the American delegates were understanding. They realize Begin has tsoris within his government. They felt the fact of Begin's presence at a WUPJ conference was good enough. But the Israelis took Begin's non-reaction as an insult. It wasn't only that he didn't relate to the issues. He didn't relate to us as the WUPJ at all. We could have been any gathering.



Rabbi Mordecai Rotem

CJN: In these circumstances, does the WUPJ believe it can make any headway with its current application to minister of religious affairs Abu-Hatzeira, requesting for Reform rabbis in Israel the right to perform marriages?

Rotem: We believe we can make progress. If we are rejected by the ministry of religious affairs, we shall take our claim to the Supreme Court.

CJN: It is often said that taking jurisdiction in personal law out of the hands of the Orthodox rabbinate will drive Israeli Jews into two totally irreconciliable camps: religious and non-religious.

Rotem: The division already exists. There is a huge gap between the 20% of religious people in this country and secular Israelis. The so-called "blacklists" of people who, according to halacha, may not marry, is an artificial division produced by the Orthodox in order to protect their monopoly over the truth. The main division is between religious and secular, and our main purpose is to bring the two sides closer.

CJN: There was a new note of assertiveness in some of the delegates' presentations. Their message was: We are klal Yisrael — the majority of religiously identified Jews. We insist on being taken into account. Do you think Reform Jews might in future withhold support or resources from Israel if their claims are not met?

Rotem: I think Rabbi Schindler answered this beautifully (paraphrasing Ben-Gurion's comment on the 1939 White Paper). He said: "We will support Israel in its time of crisis as though there were no discriminations against us. But we will fight the discriminations as though there were no crisis."

CJN: Reform has taken some revolutionary steps in the past few years. Once opposed to Zionism, it now enthusiastically supports Zionist enterprises and sponsors its own kibbutz movement in Israel.

Rotem: Adopting the Zionist idea symbolizes the greatness of a movement which can admit its mistakes and repent. It is realized that Jewish life cannot be obtained without Israel. This is the progress of a progressive movement, and I believe the beginnings of Reform in Israel had a great deal to do with it.

CJN: Reform has been showing increasing interest in the halachic basis of Jewish tradition. Where will this new emphasis lead Reform? If it leads you within the orbit of the Conservative movement, won't it eventually destroy Reform's raison d'etre?

Rotem: Reform in some cases went too far and there has been a definite move back to tradition, especially since our rabbinical students from abroad began spending a compulsory year of study in Israel. But we shall not lose our raison d'etre. The root of the word halacha implies going forward. This means not only choosing among what we have but creating new traditions. Reform will not lose its creativity.

CJN: What position do you take on personal observance?

Rotem: On Shabbat we emphasize the positive commandments. We try to make the day unique and sanctioned. I observe kashrut strictly. I think kashrut is one of the best commandments for reminding Jews of their Jewishness every moment of the day.

CJN: Has the Orthodox establishment in Israel reacted to your ordination?

Rotem: Chief Rabbi Goren called me a Purim rabbi. For him, perhaps, I am a Purim rabbi. For the Israeli public I am someone who brings them Judaism in a way they can understand. Our main target is not to fight the Orthodox, but to make Israeli Jews more Jewish.

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Fund raising up

PHILADELPHIA [JTA] — **American Jewish fund raising has reached new heights and shows every sign of achieving even greater gains in the decade of the 1980s, Irwin Field, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal declared here.**

At a meeting of UJA national officers and regional chairmen hosted by Philadelphia's campaign and community leaders, Field reported that the nationwide 1980 campaign, now past the halfway mark, was continuing to register an increase of more than 17% over 1979 campaign pledges.

Results to date represent the largest sums raised, at the earliest date, with the active participation of more communities, than at any time since the 1974 campaign which began with the Yom Kippur War, he reported. For the first time since 1974, Field stated, a campaign total of more than $500 million is assured.

"This unprecedented flow of peacetime pledges," he said, "is a reality that must sweep aside all unfounded predictions of reduced American philanthropic giving. The majority of our communities are in the midst of their most productive and fastest-paced campaigns in six years. The potential of American Jewry — despite any and all psychological and pseudo-demographic prophecies of doom and gloom — is unlimited. I fully expect that new records in giving will be established year after year, throughout this decade."

Temporary solution

JERUSALEM [JCNS] — **Israel's new foreign minister, Itzhak Shamir, said in a radio interview here that the Palestinian autonomy plan is only a temporary solution, scheduled to last a few years with all the options about the permanent future of the occupied territories left open.**

He said the Palestinians should seize this opportunity, for it gives them the first chance to establish themselves with a definitive status in the area. He pointed out that extremism has never been to their advantage and they would not have their aspirations satisfied through political statements, United Nations resolutions or terrorism.

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Speakers are announced for 19th CJC plenary assembly

TORONTO —

A number of additional major speakers, including one of the United States' top Jewish leaders, has been announced for the 19th plenary assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress at Toronto's Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel, May 1-4.

Theodore (Ted) Mann, head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, will address the world plenary session Saturday night, according to Mira Koschitzky, chairman of the assembly.

Among other plenary program participants announced last week are: Dr. Solomon Gaon, world Sephardic leader and Rabbi Joseph Leibowitz of California, two internationally known rabbinical leaders who will speak during Shabbat sessions; Dr. Alvin Schiff, U.S. educator and Malka Shulewitz, co-ordinator of the Israel Academic Committee on the Middle East.

These personalities join a list of several, previously announced speakers at the triennial assembly with the theme "Congress: Into the 80s and Beyond."

Israel's UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum, along with Yeshayahu Anug, Israel's ambassador to Canada, will be featured at the Israel plenary session on Thursday night, May 1. The world plenary on Saturday night, the 3rd, will have among its speakers Baron Alain de Rothschild, who heads the political body of French Jewry. Premier William Davis of Ontario will deliver the keynote address at the closing luncheon of the assembly on the 4th.

About 1,000 delegates, representing regions and organizations, are expected at the convention which will deliberate on issues affecting Canadian Jewry, and elect officers. Since 1919, Congress has served as official representative before all levels of government on matters affecting the status and welfare of Jews in Canada.

Theodore Mann, chairman of the Presidents Conference, an alliance of 34 religious and secular organizations for the purpose of representing U.S. Jews to their government on Israel and other overseas matters, has met President Jimmy Carter on many occasions. A highly-regarded speaker, Mann is former chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and former vice-president of the American Jewish Congress. He is a Philadelphia attorney, who has been active in civil rights and church-state separation cases.

Dr. Gaon, director of the Sephardic Studies Program of Yeshiva University in the U.S., will give the keynote address to the Shabbat luncheon session. President of the Union of Sephardic Congregations of the U.S. and Canada, Dr. Gaon has served as director of the Yeshiva Sephardic Studies Program since 1964. A native

Solomon Gaon

of Yugoslavia, he is a former British rabbi who at one time was chief rabbi of the Sephardic Congregations of the British Commonwealth. In 1978, he was elected haham of the World-Sephardic Federation.

Rabbi Leibowitz, ordained at Yeshiva University in 1969, is rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley, Calif., and serves as president of the East Bay Board of Rabbis. He will address the Oneg Shabbat session and deliver the sermon during Shabbat morning services.

The conference on Jews in Arab Lands Friday morning at the plenary will hear Mrs. Shulewitz of the Israel Academic Committee, a group which deals with visiting academics to Israel.

Mrs. Shulewitz has said in the past her own government, the general public in Israel and Jewish communities around the

Yehuda Blum

world pay little attention to Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

In a 1979 interview with The Canadian Jewish News, the former Israel government information and Hadassah press officer, said: "I cannot accept that 850,000 Jews who were made to leave Arab countries — the virtual dissolution of the oldest Diaspora of our people — could just be passed over — and that the agony they went through, the land they left behind, should not be a part of our political bargaining."

Dr. Schiff, executive vice-president of the New York City Board of Jewish Education, will address the Friday breakfast conference on education. He's a prolific writer, who is familiar with the Canadian education scene through his involvement in a study on education in Montreal in 1972.

Among other already announced highlights of the plenary will be reports by CJC President Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, whose three-year term ends with the election of a new president at the assembly, and by Alan Rose, Congress executive vice-president, and the premiere of a CJC film dedicated to the late Saul Hayes, the organization's top professional leader for many years.

More information about the plenary assembly can be obtained from Congress officers across the country.

Year later — Israel is still isolated in a hostile world

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three years ago continues to poison Israeli-Arab relations. The "psychological barrier" the Egyptian president referred to in his Knesset speech still stands high, the treaty notwithstanding. The "wall of fear" noted by Sadat in 1977 has yet to be smashed by the protagonists.

Ironically, too, the international isolation out of which Israel had hoped to break in the aftermath of the treaty has, instead, deepened. Israeli "diplomats expected the Soviet bloc nations to oppose the "spirit of Camp David." But never in their wildest dreams did they think that the nations of Western Europe would belittle it. Countries such as France, Britain, West Germany and Italy have of late begun to bypass the diplomatic procedure outlined by the Camp David accords and called for a revision of UN Security Council Resolution 242. Concomitantly, in varying but ominous degrees, they have called for Palestinian self-determination, and have practically recognized the PLO.

As for the Africans, who severed their ties with Israel in the period surrounding the Yom Kippur War, they have also shown few signs to date of supporting the Camp David process.

The problem these nations have with the Camp David framework is the Palestinians. Israel and Egypt agreed to grant the Palestinians in the occupied territories "full" autonomy. The term was not defined to avoid further wrangling between the parties. But it is precisely for this reason that the current autonomy talks on the Palestinians are at a dangerous impasse.

When Sadat addressed the Knesset in 1977, he insisted that Israel would have to withdraw from all the occupied areas and acquiesce to the establishment of a Palestinian state. That was his definition of "peace with justice." Menachem Begin saw things very differently. He believed that if Israel relinquished the Sinai to Egypt, the Egyptians would not demand an arrangement whereby the Israeli army would have to evacuate the West Bank and let the Palestinians form a governing entity.

Obviously, both men miscalculated. Barring an extraordinary change in policy, Sadat will insist on a comprehensive agreement which would deprive Israel of the Arab territory it still holds. Begin will reject such a demand, thereby setting the stage for a crisis in their budding relationship. The aforementioned scenario is already unfolding. Every new settlement Israel creates brings the day closer to fruition. In retaliation, Egypt can freeze its embryonic ties with Israel, or force the U.S. to exert pressure on Israel.

The U.S., particularly after the presidential election, would likely confront Israel on the settlements and the Palestinians. In his speech commemorating the anniversary of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, Presidenty Jimmy Carter alluded to the probable confrontation. Implicitly referring to the Israeli government, he said: "Domestic politics cannot be allowed to create timidity or to impose obstacles or delay or to subvert the spirit of Camp David..."

It was a warning that underlined the sour mood that has overtaken the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Claims progress in talks

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The U.S. is working against the autonomy talks in the Middle East, a controversial American Jewish political spokesman and theologian told a Beth Tzedec audience recently.

In town for the Anne Bell and Manuel Pusitz annual memorial lecture, Rabbi Alexander Schinder, president of the Union of Hebrew Congregations, spoke on the topic, "The United States and Israel: American-Jewish Apprehensions."

Schindler, who recently declared his support for Senator Edward Kennedy in the American presidential race, claimed the autonomy talks are making progress and that "substantial agreement has been reached."

But he cautioned that "peace can only develop in a natural way, and a bilateral rapprochement must be given time for trust to be nurtured."

Current U.S. attitudes make it impossible to handle the autonomy talks within their proper context, he said.

The White House, state department and national security council have clearly decided that "Israel is no longer a strategic geopolitical asset, said Schindler, who used to be chairman of the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish Organizations.

He explained that the U.S. sees the Islamic nations as a force for containment of Soviet Russia in the Middle East, and that Israel is perceived as the "antagonist" of the Moslems.

He warned that the rest of the world is "pandering" to Moslem oil producers and, in particular, to the PLO.

Leveling criticism on the recent U.S. endorsement of a UN Security Council resolution calling for the dismantling of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, Schindler said that "relations between Israel and the U.S. are going from nadir to nadir."

He said the specific references to "Palestinian-occupied" territories, rather than just "occupied" territories, in the resolution is diplomatic jargon for an open shift towards the Arab camp.

Schindler castigated the U.S. for blaming Israel for every ill from rising oil prices to the fall of Iran.

"The linkage between oil and the peace talks emanates from the highest echelons of the State Department," he said. "This linkage is totally irrelevant. OPEC is a cartel whose oil prices are determined by the market place."

"There is no relationship between the autonomy talks and oil — or even the internal problems in Saudi Arabia or Iran.

"No one will save themselves by selling out Israel. The solution to the oil problem lies in achieving energy self-sufficiency," he stressed.

Recalling the price for the Munich appeasement prior to World War II, Schindler stressed that the "extortioner's price knows no limits.

"When Khomeini seized power in May and turned over the building of the Israeli commission to the PLO, there was no one in the whole world who protested."

Schindler contended this failure to respond to the first act of diplomatic aggression led inevitably to the second act — the seizure of the U.S. embassy.

When Iran fell, Schindler said he thought "the U.S. would now see the value of Israel." Instead, he added, it is now trying to curry favor with Islamic nations.

Schindler declared that "there's a real cosmetic job being done on the PLO to make them appear respectable. The significance of this is that the once-proud western democracies are getting ready to trade Jewish lives for oil."

Schindler reiterated that the autonomy negotiations only be solved within the context of the specific problems between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

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Rise to the occasion!

Israel is beset with problems.

Austria, and now India, leads the parade towards recognition of the PLO, that organization which Lord Carrington doubts is terrorist! We don't know what contacts exist between the United States and that group, committed by written constitution to the destruction of the State of Israel.

Moves are afoot to torture Resolution 242 of the United Nations into something never intended, as another step in that tarnished world body to isolate and delegitimize Israel.

Threats to cut off oil and business convert otherwise moral politicians and businessmen into supporters of the discrimination intrinsic in the Arab boycott.

Dark clouds are not on the horizon. They engulf us.

Our enemies throughout the world seize upon every move taken by the government of Israel. Lack of progress in autonomy talks: Israel is intransigent and intends to give the Palestinians nothing! Refusal to dismantle settlements and make the territories "Judenrein:" expansionist! Assertion of a miniscule Jewish presence in Hebron: provocation!

In the Disaspora we have difficulty, from time to time, reconciling actions of the government of Israel with our own perceptions of what are necessary ingredients for a completed peace agreement with Egypt and a solution to the Palestinian Arab problem. That is understandable — for we are not privy to the reasoning behind decisions of the Israel cabinet. We are, of course, not entitled to be privy to those reasons.

Why is it at such a juncture that so many leaders, whether from pulpits in England, or here in Toronto, or from past presidencies of American organizations, or positions of influence in world Jewish bodies — feel the need to join in the criticism of those decisions?

They feel the need — and they gratify it by lofty public pronouncements in articles, speeches and interviews. They add grist to the mills of our detractors, who delight in pointing to Jewish spokesmen as opponents of "intransigence," "expansionism" and "provocation" by a state that will not talk to the "only true representatives of the Palestinian people."

Let us understand that we are not talking here about legitimate dissent by Israelis, within Israel, to their government's policies.

We are not even talking about the **right** of Jews in the Diaspora to dissent. Of course they have that right. But with rights comes responsibility. In Jewish terms, rights are to be exercised, if at all, with "saychel" — common sense.

What are the aims of public criticism by Diaspora Jews? On what facts do they base their complaints?

Do the critics believe that their words will persuade the Israelis to change their policies or tactics? Surely that would be the height of naivete. Do those who sit on the sidelines, devoid of any comprehension of what it is to play in a "game" whose stakes are life or death, with no understanding of what is required when one bargains for existence, nor what is necessary by way of strategy, believe that their public advice will be heeded, by whatever government might be in power in Israel?

Certainly they would not propose to whip up a groundswell of Jewish public opinion which will express its dismay and opposition to Israeli policy or tactics by some kind of action — a threat to buy no more bonds or to withhold pledges to UJA unless Israel does this, or that!

If there is advice to be given, those who are shouting it from the rooftops are singularly in a position to tender that advice quietly and in places where it would be more meaningful. Their public declamations give rise to suspicions that the need they have to fulfil is one of self-aggrandisement.

Ibn Gabirol, renowned poet and philosopher said: "My friend is he who will tell me my faults, in private."

It is at times such as this when Jewish leadership should be rising to the occasion. It should be leading its constituents through the minefields laid by those who would discomfort us and through the bewildering maze of conflicting information, to find a way for reassurance, confidence and unswerving support for a strong Israel.

U.S. vote ignores justice of Israel's cause

Presidential advisers called 'bush league'

By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

The comic part of the recent vote — non vote of the U.S. in the Security Council condemning Israel's settlement policy has to do with the blatant incompetence of the core of the American administration. Indeed, Senator Adlai Stevenson Jr. once abruptly spoke about the "bush league" quality of the people around the President, and this is certainly a case in point. Much more serious, however, is the fact that we have witnessed a further sign of erosion in the historical American-Israeli relationship a conspicuous evidence of strain between Israel and the one truly powerful, important ally it has.

In the history of Zionism, extensive diplomacy aimed at securing the support of one or more great powers is intimately intertwined with actively building up the Jewish community in the Land of Israel, accumulating power for the tasks of the future. Neither counts for much without the other.

Zionists cannot engage in fruitful diplomacy when their base of power is fragile. (In a way, diplomacy is merely salesmanship, the most important component of which is having something to sell, apart from all possible gimmicks.) On the other hand, under any and all conceivable circumstances of world politics, the realities of the Middle East have always necessitated reliance on allies, no matter how strong the Jewish community or state.

Perhaps this ingenious fusion of bold, creative action with cautious, pragmatic diplomacy is the secret of success as far as Zionism as a messianic, but realistic movement is concerned.

All the great figures of Zionism were endowed with more than "a decent respect for the opinions of mankind." Herzl wanted a Turkish, German or other international charter. Weizmann was the architect of the British mandate. Jabotinsky envisaged the future of the Jewish commonwealth in the framework of the British Empire, perhaps as a dominion.

Ben-Gurion may have been led by his contempt for the UN to say on occasion "Um-Shmum," and to encourage positive, confident action by asserting that what really counts is not what the Gentiles say, but what the Jews do. However, what he really had in mind should be obvious from his doctrine that Israel should never get involved in a war without the support of at least one of the great powers, on which grounds he approved of the 1956 war, but agreed to withdraw when great power pressure became evident.

Further, on similar grounds, he hesitated (out of power, of course) about the wisdom of a preventive attack on the eve of the 1967 war, and advocated returning the territories gained during the war (except Jerusalem, and according to a later version, the Golan Heights) for peace, as Israel could find no great power backing for territorial demands.

Practically the entire Israeli cabinet, headed by Golda Meir, ruled out a (militarily attractive) preventive air attack on the Arab forces amassing for the 1973 war for fear of alienating the U.S.

The fact of life is that Israel is, and always will be, a small country in a world dominated by great powers. This means, by definition, an incessant quest for powerful allies as an imperative o for survival. This goes for all small countries.

As a necessity of life, there is nothing shameful about this, nor should this reflect on nationalist pride. We need allies not because we are Jews, but because we are a small country. Besides, while an alliance between a small country and a superpower will inevitably be asymmetrical in favor of the latter (another fact of life), this does not mean that the weaker power must lose its independence or freedom; it does mean recognizing that constraints and limits within which these can be realistically exercised.

In an increasingly complex and interdependent world no country is really free any more in determining its own fate. The days of unrestricted sovereignty are over. If great philosophers from Rousseau (in the **Emile**), or Camus (in the **Myth of Sisyphus**) argue that real freedom of the individual consists of recognizing one's limitations and coming to terms with them, how true this is in the infinitely more complex and dangerous world of nations!

In Israel, the historical tradition of Zionist realism is at times forgotten, neglected or challenged. Certain Israeli politicians are so enamored with big power politics that they neglect to deal with some very worrisome symptoms of Israel's sopciety society and economy. Others assert that Israel should and can basically do whatever it considers advantageous to its interests, paying little attention to outside forces (these are labeled "voluntarists" by Prof. Y. Harkabi, the leading Israeli scholar of the Arab-Israeli conflict, meaning a grossly exaggerated faith in free will at the expense of reality). And still others neglect to deal on a realistic basis with the powers immediately relevant to Israel, namely the Arab countries.

A balanced Israeli policy integrating these three elements (an active reform of Israeli society, a healthy relationship with the United States, and an imaginative, patient pursuit of peace with the Arabs) is clearly the supreme test of Zionist statesmanship today. This is a challenge of the highest magnitude, and if the historical realistic heritage of Zionism is to be preserved, Israel must face this challenge successfully.

As far as the American-Israeli relationship is concerned, this is an asset of the highest value which must be preserved. In the long struggle for peace, the Arabs have been at least as impressed with their inability to erode American support for Israel as by the strength of Israel itself. To that extent, a strong Israel consistently supported by the U.S. is the only image of Israel consistent with peace. The quest for strength must not erode American support; American's friendship must not erode strength.

American support for Israel (that is, for Israel's existence and security, not every policy or move!) stems from many sources that reinforce one another and are by now virtually intermingled.

The respect for the biblical heritage, the trauma of the Holocaust, the sympathy for the underdog, the understanding for the fundamental justice of the Israeli cause, the profound identification with Israel as a western democracy (in a region where there are no others) combine with the appreciation of its strength, its guts and its strategic value.

It is impossible, and indeed most unwise, to attempt to separate the components of this impressive package. Nations value ideological affinity when this is congruent with the tangible strategic interest; nations (especially morally oriented ones, as is the American case) are more comfortable with strategic alliance when these are between ideologically compatible partners.

The American-Israeli relationship has endured and withstood the test of time because of the unique combination of the two factors. Any attempt to emphasize one at the expense of the other is a disservice to the cause of a healthy, truthful and useful alliance.

The events of the past political generation should easily underscore the basic truth argued here. From the American point of view, a reliance on a pro-western, strong Iran, for instance, has become a nightmare. Iran is now neither pro-western nor strong (the defiance over the hostage issue notwithstanding). But a democratic, strong Israel is still there.

From the Israeli point of view, the active pro-Israeli France of 20 years ago has become an increasingly vicious anti-Israeli France of the early 1980s, but America as Israel's main supplier of arms, diplomatic backing and economic assistance is still there.

Notwithstanding America's enormous power, it has very few real friends when the chips are down, friends committed to the cause of the West and are strong enough to do something about it. Israel is clearly one of these.

Notwithstanding the profound justice of Israel's cause, very few countries are able and willing to stand up for it when it counts, and the U.S. is clearly the only such major power. Thus, the American-Israel relationship is a precious asset to both peoples. We must be on guard lest some bungling, bush league bureaucrats in Washington and some hot-headed politicians in Jerusalem (who are long on Zionist slogans but short on the traditional realistic Zionist wisdom) damage it beyond repair.

Those 'good old nostalgic days' at Baron Byng High were actually a planned affront to Jews of Montreal

By DAVID ROME

MONTREAL —

There is an outpouring of nostalgia in Montreal because of the sad fate of the famed Baron Byng High School — a fate bound to befall almost any structure in the course of time when its location and the social uses for which it had been established have become outmoded.

Many of its graduates will descend downtown for a reunion on April 19 to regret the good old days which, as they will know, never were as good as they seem.

In fact, they had all moved as far from their beloved school as they could, and they would shudder at the thought of enrolling their own children or grandchildren in their alma mater.

But currently, they put far from their minds the memory that the school was the scene of their poverty of the 1920s, of the depression of the 30s, of the war of the 40s. By the precious gift of forgetting they think of it only as the setting of their youth, their maturity, their awakening, their joyful extension of their competitive prowess — which is no more than natural. It is not unusual for the hardship of youth to be forgotten by middle age.

Even more, the school is a very meaningful symbol of triumph, in this case the triumph of a Jewish society. The record of the Baron Byng alumni now being proudly flown high is the essential civic and social history of a century of Canadian life, of the contribution to the nation by the Jewish immigrants who came since 1880.

But there is another side to this story.

The school was erected as an affront to Montreal Jews.

It was built by the Protestant authorities to segregate the growing number of Jewish high school pupils from the Christians, and to help keep the High School of Montreal University St., more nearly "clean of Jews."

By 1922 there were more Jewish pupils in the Protestant high schools than Christian.

Rev. R. W. Dickie, chairman of the Protestant board, publicly announced in the YMCA the separation of the Jewish from the Protestant high school pupils, and forecast a Protestant attendance at the University St. school of 80% to 85% instead of the current 35%.

So it was that when Baron Byng High was constructed it was 95% Jewish, for the Jewish pupils from the high schools of Montreal were transferred there en masse.

At the same time the Protestant board provided for Christian children living near the "Jewish" school to transfer out to the High School of Montreal and to the neighboring High School for Girls. The board carefully followed the reports of such transfers in October, 1926 and October, 1927.

The following September the children from the Hebrew Orphanage on Claremont Ave. in Westmount were admitted there and at the Commercial High School at residential fees.

Col. Creelman, chairman, told the Protestant board in 1929 that the two-year-old school had 848 Jewish pupils. During a visit to the school, during one of the Jews' holy days, he found the great majority of the Jewish pupils absent, and only six of the 42 enrolled Christian pupils present. "That whole school will shut down absolutely from now on on all Jewish holidays," he proclaimed.

It would be false and unfair to view this segregation as an act of anti-semitism. The Protestants were fighting for their continuity. The issues were not too dissimilar from the present battle for the rights of English.

The Jews became involved in the fateful issue — in a story too complicated for just now.

But the brutal segregation was regarded by the Jews of Montreal as anti-Canadian, something out of Czarist Russia or Pilsudsky's Poland.

The fight led to the Privy Council in London — and to the present network of Jewish schools.

(Howard Kay photo)

Baron Byng High School is scheduled to close at the end of the current school year.

Allan Bronfman

Allan Bronfman's tireless efforts on behalf of mankind were known throughout Canada and in many centers around the world.

His determination and zeal in following a cause or a campaign through to a successful conclusion became synonymous with his leadership. His association with any group, institution or organization brought it not only the magnetic force of his personality, but a style of leadership and dedication that was unique to him alone.

He loved people . . . the famous as well as the ordinary. To him they were all important individuals performing indispensable tasks and his friendships ranged across the full spectrum of humanity.

He was a warm and friendly individual, quick with a joke and a new story, always ready to lend a sympathetic ear.

He was a magnificent leader of people and at the same time conducted himself as one of the people, for he had the uncanny ability to empathize at many levels.

His contribution to the uplifting of the Canadian Jewish community was overwhelming and its impact will live for generations. A rare personage has passed from the Canadian scene. He has endowed the community with many gifts, the greatest of which was the memory of his total commitment to the uplifting of the human spirit.

Ominous pattern

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has revealed in a recently published study an ominous pattern of Arab petrodollars being used to induce American universities to open various programs to promote Muslim history, culture and Arabic language.

Six institutions have alreay accepted money or contracts from Arab sources: Georgetown University, University of Southern California, Duke University, New York University and Syracuse University. The current fiscal problems being experienced within the university community helps explain the readiness of these schools to accept huge subsidies from Arab governments.

Let it be said at the outset that there is nothing intrinsically wrong for institutions of higher learning to accept assistance, financial or otherwise in establishing bona fide academic programs. Indeed the Israeli government has recently formed an academic unit to help universities abroad with Jewish studies curricula.

The problem is that the assistance must come with no strings attached. Any interference by a sponsoring body be it a government or business concern (such as ARAMCO) can affect the academic integrity of the institution recipients.

That this is not a mere abstraction can be seen in the ADL report which indicates that at the University of Southern California a former official of ARAMCO was appointed to the Faisal chair one month after his name was suggested by the Saudi finance minister in a letter to the president of USC. A later letter stated that further appointments would be made "by the university in consultation with the Saudi Minister of Higher Education."

At Georgetown University in Washington D.C., an important school which graduates large numbers of U.S. foreign service officers, the Arab profile is even more pronounced. The university has accepted at least $2 million in subsidies from various Arab states (including Libya) and lists on the board of its Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies, government personnel from Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Jordan and Qatar. William Fullbright, a registered foreign agent for Saudi Arabia, also serves on the board.

Faculty outrage at USC caused the cancellation of the program because of the blatant attempt on the part of Arab governments to suborn the American university community. Georgetown University is apparently content to permit Arabs to dictate its academic program.

The one university that has proven that it is entirely possible to receive financial support from Arab agencies without any strings attached is Princeton, in New Jersey.

One of the most important of the Ivy League schools, Princeton has just announced its receipt of a $5 million gift from Saudi Arabia's University of Riyadh, a government-operated institution.

The money which will be handed over in instalments over the next year, is to be used for the establishment of a Life-Sciences Institute at Princeton. Part of the agreement reached by the two schools also covers the exchange of graduate students and faculty members between the two schools.

Princeton officials assured questioners that Saudi Arabia had promised not to place any restrictions on who could participate in the student-faculty exchanges. An operative clause in the agreement says: "Each university . . . agrees that merit will be the criterion upon which individual scholars, technical experts, and students will be proposed and received."

Robert K. Durke, vice president for public affairs has stated that if Princeton discovers any discrimination in the proposed project the agreement with Riyadh will be considered null and void. Durke also revealed the rather heartening information that one of the Princeton people who went to Riyadh to work out details of the reciprocal program was Aaron Lemonick, dean of the faculty. Lemonick is Jewish.

Canadian space expert sends appeal to Brezhnev

Irvine Israel Glass, a member of the University of Toronto's Institute for Aerospace Studies, and who has lectured in the Soviet Union, recently sent the following letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev. [Glass has devoted much of his spare time on behalf of dissidents and Refuseniks.]

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When I visited the USSR in 1961, and lectured at a number of institutions, it was during the remarkable period after Prime Minister Nikita Kruschev revealed the terrible evils which had been perpetrated for three decades under the merciless despot Josef Stalin. I sensed that people were excited and happy about their prospects for the future.

I recall seeing the Vasily Blazhenny Cathedral and was told that another merciless despot, Czar Ivan Grozhny, blinded the architect so that he could not build again a structure of such grandeur and beauty. On visiting the Tretyakov Gallery, I saw Repin's shocking, dramatic and magnificent painting of the same despot murdering his own son Ivan. I was told that one day a visitor was so outraged on viewing this horrible scene that he took out a knife and stabbed the czar through the canvas. It was evident that the evil clouds created by this czar in the 16th century and by Stalin in the 20th century were still hanging over the Russian people to this day.

What will the Russian people say when they look back at the regime of President Leonid Brezhnev? They will recall that he allowed some of his finest sons like Nobel Prize winner Andrei Sakharov to be stripped of his well-earned honors, to be exiled and to be beaten (as well as his brave and loyal wife) by police thugs in Gorki. What about Anatoly Shcharansky, Yuri Orlov, Ida Nudel and many others, who are being deprived of their creative work (equivalent to blinding) and rotting in jails, insane asylums and concentration camps (equivalent to dying a new death every day)?

What will future scientists think of the present Academy of Sciences and its members, who came out to vilify rather than defend their world-wide respected, honored and admired colleague, Academician A. Sakharov?

The answer is clear. Surely you would wish to be remembered and admired as a man who continued the humanization program started by your predecessor N. Kruschev.

There is little doubt that freedom for Sakharov, Scharansky, Orlov, Nudel and many others would encourage many of us to resume scientific exchanges with our Russian colleagues, which we were forced to terminate when we realized how our colleagues were being oppressed and dehumanized. Spring is nearly with us and I hope that you will bring a new thaw that will encourage us to resume our exchanges with our colleagues in the USSR.

I. I. Glass,
Professor and Fellow,
The Royal Society of Canada.

Candidates for CJC presidency present views on its objectives, operation and organization

By SUSAN LAZARUS
—AND
DAVID BIRKAN

In about a month, Canadian Jewish Congress, the parliament of Canadian Jewry, will hold its triennial plenary assembly in Toronto to discuss issues of Jewish concern and elect national officers.

Recently, The Canadian Jewish News' Susan Lazarus and David Birkan interviewed Irwin Cotler [in Montreal] and David Satok [in Toronto], who are running for the office of national president of Congress. Each candidate was asked identical questions as to his views both on Congress and Canadian Jewry.

What qualifications do you offer for the presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress?

David Satok: "I've been involved with Congress for more than 30 years. In 1950 I was president of the CJC-sponsored Jewish Council. I was 18 at the time. Since then, I've been a member of the CJC executive.

Among the leadership positions I've held are: chairmanship of the National Youth Committee, 12 years ago; chairmanship of the CJC's central region, nine years ago; national vice-presidency of the central region, six years ago; and national chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee.

I was chairman of the CJC's constitution committee, which expanded the democratic base of Congress by redistributing delegates and allowing for more representation from areas outside Montreal and Toronto.

Currently, I am chairman of the CJC's national executive; a vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, where I have been a Congress rep for the past six years; and chairman of Congress' personnel committee.

Six years ago, I was involved in the formation of the National Budgeting Conference, and I've been on its steering committee since then. (The NBC supervises the budgets of national Jewish organizations including CJC and the Jewish Immigrant and services).

Locally, I have been on the officers' committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress since its inception. I was the chairman of the United Jewish Appeal's real estate division, and of a TJC budgeting subcommittee. I have served on various estate study committees of the TJC.

I also consider among my qualifications for the CJC presidency extensive travel to and contact with Jewish communities around the world, including those of Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Gibraltar, and, of course, Israel. (Yes, there are a couple of thousand Jews in Gibraltar, with a main synagogue called the Shaarei Shomayim.) I visited Russia in 1963 before it became the popular thing to do.

I attended the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry, about four years ago, and the board of governors meeting of the World Jewish Congress.

I was a director of the Jewish Labor Committee, and have been a director of the Bialik Hebrew Day School for years.

I used to be the director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association; in the early 60s, I was the director of the Martin Luther King Fund in Canada to aid the civil rights movement in the U.S.

Irwin Cotler: Let me identify some of the qualities which I believe a Congress president should have, and by implication, my own qualifications for the job.

The Congress president must be experienced and knowledgeable, and one informed and experienced not only in the workings of the Congress bureaucracy but in the issues facing Canadian Jewry. The "Jewish agenda" of the '80s is going to be increasingly complex . . . We cannot afford simplistic solutions to the problems of the day . . . or worse, the very misreading of the agenda . . . of what our priorities and planning must be.

The president must be articulate — able to communicate effectively and persuasively . . . he must relate to a myriad of groups . . . make representations to governments, represent Congress to the public, make representations within our Jewish community and deal with the many Jewish groups and diverse constituencies which now form the Jewish community or even exist outside of it . . .

The leadership should be creative — we've been too much involved in what I would call reactive, ad hoc leadership . . . we need a leadership that can anticipate situations rather than be forced to react to crises already upon us . . . that can identify policy options . . . that understands that if there are two sides to a question the truth does not automatically lie in the middle. That is more a formula for a copout than a consensus.

As far as diplomacy goes, negotiation and conciliation are important skills at the present time . . . the ability to unify the various diaspora organizations within the community. I would hope my involvement not only in Congress but in the various constituent groupings within Canadian Jewry might prove a mobilizing force.

The president should be someone who is psychologically secure both as a Canadian and as a Jew. If he is ambivalent in either, he will not so much lead as be lead . . . or perhaps adopt a strident position where a more secure personality would understand the appropriate response.

In summary, I would hope my involvement, not just in Congress but at the forefront of issues facing Canadian Jewry, Canada-Israel relations, government relations, the Arab boycott, threatened Jewish communities such as Soviet and Syrian Jews, Quebec Jewry, Jewish education, Jewish youth, and so forth, and my experience in Canadian public life, as special advisor to a government ministry, as chairman of the commission on economic

Irwin Cotler

coercion and discrimination inquiring into the Arab boycott, as a human rights lawyer, and so forth.

Q.: What do you see as the role of the CJC president, and how would you go about fulfilling it?

Satok: There seems to be two main things involved in the president's functions. One, is to provide leadership to the organizational activities of Congress. The other is to act as a spokesman for the CJC, reflecting the consensus of its officers and executive.

The function of personal initiative for the president is very difficult. He cannot say something on his own behalf or that the executive disapproves of. If the president is really keen on introducing a new idea, he has to persuade the executive of its validity. On his own, the president has but one vote.

Cotler: The answer to this question links up to the reply to the first question. As I move about the Jewish community I sense a certain malaise — fatigue even amongst those involved, let alone the indifference of those uninvolved. At the same time I sense that there is tremendous potential out there, skills, talents, as yet untapped . . . and everywhere one goes one hears the same refrain — "the community lacks leadership" — which admittedly has become an idiom for all that ails us.

Therefore, first and foremost, the role of the CJC president is to provide intellectual, substantive and inspiring leadership not just in a theoretical sense but in offering ideas, policy options, directions and execution.

Second, to lead through advocacy. I use that word intentionally because leadership is not running to the head of a mob and saying "follow me" but to provide the kind of leadership that will say, "no you are running in the wrong direction" or "here are the options before us."

Third, organize . . . and that organizing will involve unifying the community while reflecting the pluralism of its expression . . . creating a critical mass of participation, of organization of leadership.

Finally, I would say that the Congress president must educate . . . to be a kind of ongoing teacher and practitioner of what it means to be a Jew today . . . he must provide as the metaphor, as we enter the 80s, the notion of the Jew as the heir of a great Jewish past and as a trustee of a Jewish future.

Q.: What changes in any aspect of Congress do you propose?

David Satok

Satok: I'm formulating some ideas to that effect now, but I'm not ready to make a statement yet.

Cotler: The changes I would propose are four-fold: organizational, philosophical, structural and administrative.

First, organizational: Congress is often referred to as the parliament of Canadian Jewry. What is missing from the definition is what is presupposed when one speaks of parliament as a governmental process — or more particularly cabinet government. I would hope therefore to institute a process of cabinet government to provide necessary leadership . . . to have the national officers operate in a cabinet framework whereby each would be responsible for a main portfolio . . . where the officers would be identified as the cabinet of Canadian Jewry responsible to the national executive and council and through them to Canadian Jewry as a whole.

Second, philosophical: It is important that CJC leadership establish principles and policies on the issues of the day be it Canada-Israel relations, Quebec Jewry or the question of education and culture in the Jewish community, which leads me directly to the third change.

Third, structural change: With four commissions or task forces — a priorities and planning commission, a commission on international affairs, a commission on Canada-Israel relations and a commission on law and social action which would look beyond the framework of specifically Jewish issues.

Finally in terms of changes, there would be administrative changes in terms of the decision making process. This would include a steering committee to meet and define the appropriate agenda. In other words, while Congress is not a business, we should begin running Congress in a more business-like way.

Q.: What do you see as the CJC's role in dealing with domestic governments and with Jewish problems in other countries?

Satok: These, also, are issues I would prefer to comment on later.

Cotler: The first thing to realize is that relations between Canadian Jews and governments have entered a new phase . . . whether the issues are domestic . . . or the problems in Jewish communities throughout the world. The agendas, Jewish and Canadian, not only interlock more than ever before, but impact upon each other in ways that hitherto have not been expreienced.

Increasingly, Canadian government decisions have a Jewish dimension to them in their impact upon Canada-Israel relations, Soviet Jewry, and the place of Jews in Quebec. Conversely, Jewish decision-making on matters such as the Arab boycott has a public dimension. We are no longer, if we ever were, simply speaking to ourselves.

Accordingly, let me suggest certain principles which should guide our government relations . . . be the issue domestic or international. I might add that these principles are not theoretical formulations, but grow out of my own experience, as having been a special advisor to the Canadian government for some four years, as well as the various representations that I have made to government either as a representative of Canadian Jewry or otherwise.

First is professionalism. Representation must be persuasive on its merits. We should be seeking, for example, support for Israel on the grounds it is a just cause, not simply because it is a Jewish cause.

Second, these representations must be effective . . . Advocacy must be made by those who can most effectively make the case. The agenda is too serious for organizational or professional "yichus."

Third, where appropriate, the issues should be Canadianized . . . our objective is to bring about a principled and effective Canadian foreign policy. There is no dichotomy between being a good Jew and a good Canadian.

Finally, we have to return to the policy and process of coalition strategy. This strategy is a two-way street. It means involving ourselves, as well, in the larger public agendas, and this is, in effect, a very Jewish thing to do.

Q.: Is there anything in your background that might prove embarrassing to the Jewish community?

Both candidates: No.

Glimpses of Mossad's secret operations provide illuminating insights into Middle East affairs

By ARNOLD AGES

A writer in Newsweek magazine indicated in the summer of 1979 that Israel's Mossad, the super secret intelligence unit, was probably the most powerful such agency in the world. This image is not a surprising one, given the brilliant intelligence coups which Israel operatives have executed since the creation of the state.

Since the turbulent days of 1948 those in charge of Israel's security have chaneled an enormous amount of creative energy into clandestinem operations.

Among the notable successes were: the obtaining of exact data regarding the Jordanian Legion's assault on Jerusalem in 1948, the interception of a communication containing a plot to assassinate de Gaulle in 1963, the extraordinary penetration of Egyptian army and air force routines in 1967 and the meticulous planning for the Entebbe raid of 1976.

The capture of Adolph Eichmann in the early 60s is another example of the finesse displayed by the Israel intelligence community. The daring attack on the PLO's Beirut headquarters and the seizure of thousands of documents identifying PLO agents in Israel and the West Bank in 1977 also point to the excellence of the planning of the intelligence departments.

Of course, the single most brilliant caper ever accomplished by the latter was the planting of an Israeli spy, Elie Cohen, in the social hierarchy of the Syrians, from whence Cohen almost made it to a cabinet position in the Syrian government before he was exposed as a spy, by a fluke.

The foregoing examples of exemplary competence in the secret wars which Israel has had to conduct should not obscure the fact that along with the successes there have been some spectacular failures.

Many of those debacles have gone largely unreported until recent times, because of several reasons. The secrecy surrounding the incidents has been hermetic because of the reverberations that might flow from indiscreet disclosures. It is said, for example, that the British colonial office, which has declassified most of its archival materials relating to the 1917-1948 mandate period, refuses to release one cache of portfolios and files. The reason suggested by competent observers is that the files contain the names of Palestinian Jews who served as informers for the British during the mandate epoch. Some of the individuals on this list are said, moreover, to be currently serving in high positions in the Israel government.

Even before the rise of the state, the Palestinian Yishuv found itself outmaneuvered on a number of occasions with regard to intelligence matters. Recent studies of the British administration indicate that Haganah codes were successfully broken by British cryptograph analysts and that this led to some very bizarre encounters between Jewish leaders and mandate officials. During one such meeting, Chaim Weizmann was questioned about the Athlit prison escape by British officers who already had in their possession authentic versions of Haganah documents relating to the raid.

Menachem Begin, whose exploits as Irgun commander have been told in recent biographies, was involved in some very extraordinary intelligence operations (he himself evaded capture by the British by disguising himself as a Chasid) but his group was infiltrated by British intelligence operatives, one of whom, an accomplished Hebrew linguistic (a non Jew) was finally fingered for assassination by the Irgun.

In addition there was a Jewish member of the Irgun who betrayed his comrades by supplying the British a steady diet of information. The order for his execution was also given but the individual in question left for the United States one day before his executioners arrived. He has lived there ever since, unmolested.

With the rise of the Jewish state, intelligence matters became a government concern. But even during the War of Independence battlefield commanders were alert to espionage activities and during the war one Israeli soldier was executed under suspicion of collaborating with the enemy. Between 1948 and 1963 Israel had to deal with no less than 12 Soviet spies who had penetrated various echelons of the government structure.

It is interesting to note that information regarding the scope of this spy activity is only now coming into the public domain, largely because of the success of the Israelies in covering up the failures. Silence was deemed necessary in order to minimize the damage which might be caused to the nascent state.

This is undoubtedly the reason behind the reticence of Israeli sources to speak about the head of Israel intelligence in the early 50s who was required by the government to resign in some ignominy. It appears that the security chief had attempted to use his power to influence certain political figures within the country.

But the most spectacular spy case involves Israel Beer, who was exposed in the 60s by Harel, the head of Israeli intelligence. Beer was a confidante of Ben Gurion, a retired colonel in the Israel Defence Forces, and a lecturer in the Defence College. While he did not enjoy cabinet rank, Beer had an easy relationship with high officials in decision-making councils. Moshe Dayan reports that he ordered Beer out of a planning session in 1956 when the Suez campaign was under consideration.

Investigation carried out in the last year indicates that Beer was a close friend of Kim Philby and that they had both been recruited by Soviet agents in 1934 when they were students in Vienna. Beer entered Palestine before the war allegedly as a student of German literature and as a former army officer. In Israel he rose quickly to high status and fought on the Syrian front in the War of Independence. He was finally tracked down by Israeli security people who had become suspicious of his too frequent meetings with Russian diplomats in Tel Aviv.

Another Soviet espionage agent was caught during the same period while he was serving as an attache in the Israel legation in Yugoslavia. He was secretly put on trial and sentenced. Since serving his prison term, the former diplomat has resumed a normal life in Israel.

Hesi Carmel, an Israeli journalist who has studied Israel's security lapses, indicates that the Russians in 1967 provided President Nasser with a document purporting to be Israel's plans to launch an offensive against the Arabs. On the basis of this document, Nasser initiated the chain of events which led to the June 1967 war. Carmel claims that the document was authentic in one sense. It related, however, to the Suez planning of 1956; only the dates had been changed. Beer, it is said, transmitted the stolen document in 1956!

Letters to the Editor

'Inexcusable behavior'

RE: THINGS DON'T CHANGE: I am in complete agreement with your editorial about Christian missionaries trying to convert Jews to Christianity, using Jewish attire and customs to prey on uninformed or misguided young Jewish people.

However, the fight that broke out at a recent protest meeting certainly isn't the way for Jews to behave.

A total boycott as suggested by a Toronto rabbi or a peaceful demonstration would have been in order.

For the students to scream "Nazi" is inexcusable.

We Jews have to realize that Gentiles will always proselytize Jews in the hope of wiping us out altogether. I know my neighbor still preaches to me and is very proud of his Messianic Jew!!

Paula Felgelsohn,
Toronto.

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Why does the Jewish Community Centre discriminate against general members?

We are not permitted to bring a guest in, even if we are willing to pay the guest fee.

On the other hand, members of the health club are able to bring in guests.

Ben Rose,
Toronto.

Recollections of the joys, suffering as Jews prepared for Pesach in past

By J.B. SALSBERG

Gut yontef again!

When these recollections will stir your own memories or stimulate your imagination we will all be smack-in-the-middle of Pesach. Hence this yontefdiker salute.

By now we will have partially recovered from the over-indulgences of the first two seder nights. We will be grateful for the four days of respite (Chol Hamoed) that enables us to enter the final two days of the holiday regimen that will conclude the Passover festivities. Chol Hamoed is like the pause that refreshes.

But for the sake of accuracy I should perhaps explain that our brethren (and sisters too) in Israel, poor souls, and our kin of the Reform movement everywhere, have their Pesach pleasures cut by half. They observe only the first and last days of Pesach as full-fledged days of observance. This means that they have only one seder to surmount. Poor Israelis! Poor Reform adherents!

My good uncle Eliezer (who also wants to say gut yontef to you) says that he should have the dollars or even shekels for Reform Jews of both sexes who will not want to miss a good thing and will enjoy the second seder either in their own house (with blinds drawn, of course) or in the homes of their non-Reform families and friends.

And so, this still being the middle of Pesach, I venture to present to you some recollections of the joys and sufferings that Jews experienced in the recent past while preparing to usher in the great Pesach celebrations. Let's see what my memory can come up with.

In the Old Country, which I left when a youth, the preparations for Pesach were long and arduous but also with joyous anticipation of the climactic event that was to follow.

After Purim, all thoughts and actions were focused on Pesach. Weather permitting the clay that kept all windows hermetically sealed all winter was carefully removed and windows were, at last, opened again. New clothes and shoes were, of course, put aside to be worn first on Pesach.

The two or three matzoh bakeries became the main centres of productivity in the town. Except, of course, for tailors and shoemakers who burned the midnight oil erev Pesach.

Days before yontef, depending on the weather, everything, but everything inside of every Jewish home was moved out of the houses. Furniture was given a varnish treatment; prayer books, etc., as well as all clothing, were given an airing; kitchen utensils of every kind were systematically disappearing into chometzdikn wicker basket while the Pesach utensils and dishes were still kept far away from any danger of contamination with chometz.

The insides of homes were scrubbed from top to bottom and the walls given (by those that could afford) a yearly whitewash consisting of dissolved, locally produced lime with liquid coloring added for beauty. Usually the coloring was of a varying shade of blue.

All this was completed on erev Pesach (the day before Pesach) so that on the night before Pesach many people were bedded down on the floor because either the varnish hadn't dried on the bed stands or the walls were still wet...also by then most people had little food left since the Pesachdike food was still unpacked, the chometz was running low and the utensils were all packed away.

But, ah! When everything was properly rearranged, the matzot were brought in a deep wicker basket and only Pesachdike dishes were put to use! The palaces of the rich and the mighty could not possibly have been as beautiful or as comfortable as were the crowded Jewish homes on the first seder night.

Things weren't much different in the early, pre first World War years for the newly arrived immigrant families in Toronto.

It started after Purim with the engagement of a Jewish painter (generally referred to as the paintner to paint or paper the hallway and a room or two. The painter would bring his ladders and boards, work (often with a helper) for a few hours and then disappear to start another job in another Jewish home.

Poor painters! It was their busy season and they wanted as many jobs as possible so they tried to rotate their activities in as many places as possible and succeeded in satisfying no one.

New clothing, mostly purchased from "Feter Yittens" (uncle Eatons) and additions of pots, pans, etc., were, of course, put aside for Pesach. My father's matzoh-shmureh was guarded as a king's treasure against chometz. The stoves were koshered by bringing them to a red-heat, inside and out.

The family gradually painted itself into a corner with regards to the storing and consumption of chometzdike food. The day or two before Pesach all tables had been koshered and couldn't be used. Only a handful of the most essential pots and dishes were left in a special carton and kept near a makeshift temporary eating surface, also placed on a box.

Thus the whole family tiptoed into the forbidden corner to satisfy its hunger but allow not a crumb to fall beyond the restricted chometzdike area.

Nu, do I have to tell you how bright and blissful our house looked and felt when, at last, Pesach began? So, once again, Chag Samayach!

National News

Worldwide events mark 100th year

One hundred years of helping people, through skill training, to become independent, and contributing members of society, is the hallmark of ORT the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training.

The year 1980 marks 100 years of teaching trades, skills and occupations in ORT schools in all parts of the world. Currently, there are training programs in over 700, schools teaching more than 100 skills to students in 24 different countries.

From a modest beginning in 1880, in Czarist Russia, ORT has become the largest, private, international, technical/vocational training system in the world. ORT has continued its services, often through chaotic historical events and harsh circumstances, uninterruptedly for 100 years.

Throughout 1980, worldwide celebrations will mark the ORT centennial and will be highlighted at the World ORT Congress in Jerusalem at the end of May.

In Canada, observance of this 100th anniversary is a year-long project of Canadian ORT Organization and Women's Canadian ORT.

Recently, J. A. Lyone Heppner, national president, and Dorothy Shoichet, Women's Canadian ORT national president, announced the appointment of Edward M. Bronfman as national centenary chairman. Bronfman, a member of ORT for many years, has visited some of the ORT schools and has seen first-hand the high quality of the technical/vocational training programs and the vital role ORT plays in preparing young people for the future.

Bronfman, recounted a personal and insightful experience he had while on a trip to Israel last summer. "I took a taxi one afternoon from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and out of concern, as much as curiosity, I asked the driver how he would manage to continue his livelihood if his taxi — a rather large Mercedes — should break down. He assured me that he was quite capable of disassembling and repairing the motor. Full of confidence he attributed his mechanical expertise to his 'superior training at an ORT school.'

"This man," Bronfman continued, "represents only one of the one and a half million ORT graduates around the world."

Today, the teaching of trades is an accepted and fairly routine occurence. However, in 1880, in Czarist Russia the notion of raising money for the sole purpose of teaching people trades, skills and occupations was revolutionary. Severe restrictions on Jews limited their options of earning a livelihood. Most were pedlars and petty traders. Nevertheless, through the persistence of five prominent Jewish leaders, on April 10, 1880, ORT was issued its founding document — a minor miracle considering the status of Jews in Czarist Russia.

The Organization For Rehabilitation Through Training has maintained the letters O R T in every country, despite difference in language, with

Dorothy Shoichet

Lyone Heppner

Edward Bronfman

essentially the same transliteration. In Russia, these letters stood for a mouthfilling title — Obscgestvo Remeslenovo I Zemledelchesklovo Trouda.

In the years following World War I, ORT became a truly international organization and extended its vocational and technical training programs on a global basis. Simply put, when needs became apparent, ORT delegates responded.

ORT schools offer its graduates a "passport for life" where their skills can be applied anywhere in the world. In order to cope with the variety and demands of our modern world, ORT has created and developed a multiplicity of highly sophisticated training programs which are continually in demand.

When the first "boat people" began arriving in France, the governmental agencies set up to deal with these immigrants called upon ORT for guidance because of its vast experience with refugees since World War II. With the assistance of ORT teachers, programs were devised and implemented to deal with the acculturation and resettlement of the Cambodian refugees.

As a result of recent events in Iran, it has been necessary to relocate part of the ORT program, established in 1950, in a different section of Tehran. Although the Jewish population in Iran, dating back some 2,500 years, has declined, ORT schools and programs continue to be in demand and the needs of students and parents are being met.

Despite escalating inflation and political unrest, ORT maintains its global network of schools in response to continued requests from communities. Returning from the recent executive meeting of World ORT Union, Lyone Heppner reported that "ORT adopted a record budget of nearly $80 million to provide vocational and technical training in 1980. About half of this is to be spent in Israel. France and Latin America, particularly Argentina, were also allocated substantial budgets."

Over the last 100 years, ORT has been a mirror of Jewish history. Since its inception, changing ORT programs have reflected changing Jewish needs. In 1880, when ORT was founded, the trades taught were the traditional 19th century skills — tailoring, dressmaking, carpentry, barrel-making and so on. In 1980, the ORT centennial year, schools in Israel, Europe and all other countries will be teaching skills appropriate to the 21st century — electronics, communications, computer, etc. — to young people who will be spending most of their working lives in the next century.

With the escalation of immigration to Canada, in 1939, many European Jews were initially internees in camps in Quebec. Their situation was of great concern to the Jewish community and specialized assistance was necessary to enable the immigrants to acquire the skills and trades they would ultimately need for life outside the camps in their new homeland.

Through the efforts of Vladimir Grossman, a member of ORT in Europe, and the late Saul Hayes, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, representation was made to the government and an ORT vocational training program was established at Fort Lennox, Isles Aux Noir. After the closing of the camps, ORT continued its programs on Craig St. in Montreal.

In 1942, ORT was granted its formal charter by the Canadian government. As conditions changed, needs also changed and in the 40s the Craig St. school was closed. Since then ORT has continued functioning in Canada in a different, but equally essential, capacity.

The late Senator Leon Crestohl was the first president of Canadian ORT. The senator's vigorous efforts were matched by his wife Sophie, who became the first president of Women's Canadian ORT.

During the mid 40s, D. Lou Harris became president of Canadian ORT and continued in this position until his death in 1972, at which time J. A. Lyone Heppner took over the leadership.

From its very beginning Women's Canadian ORT flourished with chapters and branches opening in every major city and community across Canada. Their fund-raising efforts expanded to sustain the growing needs of ORT in Israel.

In 1968, World ORT Union held its conference in Montreal and a decision was taken to re-establish and strengthen the role of men's ORT. Since then, membership in the men's division has grown from a handful of individuals in Montreal and Toronto, to thousands across the country.

Canadian ORT receives matching dollars from both the federal government and the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. All monies raised by ORT are doubled by the federal government. Funds raised by ORT in the three western provinces are further matched by them, thus quadrupling each contribution. Special grants are provided by the government of British Columbia for agricultural projects.

The Canadian government, through C.I.D.A. (Canadian Internation Development Agency), provides funds for international organizations involved in programs in developing countries. ORT is eligible for these development funds.

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Eitz Chaim to honor Rabbi Gedalia Felder at April 27 dinner

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — The community is paying tribute to one person for directing the generosity of another.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder, spiritual leader of the Shomrai Shabbos Congregation and chairman of the Rabbinical Va'ad Hakashruth of the Canadian Jewish Congress's Orthodox Division, will be honored by Eitz Chaim for having helped influence the late Annie Robinson to leave her estate to the school and also a number of local Jewish institutions.

He will receive the school's Torah Heritage Award at a community dinner on Sunday, April 27.

At the same time, the school will be paying tribute to community leader Lew Moses on the occasion of his election as a life member to its board of directors.

Rabbi Felder, whose five children all went through the Eitz Chaim system, told The Canadian Jewish News the school does an excellent job preparing students for yeshiva studies and leadership in the religious community. "The teachers are fully observant, and give their students the proper spirit and education," he said.

"The main reason the school is honoring me at this time is for the funds I was able to direct its way from a large estate," he said.

He told The CJN that with the help of her lawyers, the late Joseph Roebuck and his brother Manny, he had prevailed upon Annie Robinson to will her estate to local Jewish institutions.

Mrs. Robinson was the single heir to the Franklin family, whose members first came to Toronto more than a century ago. At her death about 20 years ago, $4 million worth of properties and assets were put up for sale. Their proceeds are being distributed equally among: the Shomrai Shabbos congregation; Associated Hebrew Schools; Hadassah, Ner Israel Yeshiva, Mount Sinai Hospital, Youth Aliyah, the United Jewish Appeal, Canadian Friends of Yeshivoth Hadoram and Eitz Chaim.

Rabbi Felder noted that one of the properties was downtown land used for the Eaton Centre.

"Annie was a member of the Shomrai Shabbos. Her parents belonged to the Holy Blossom Synagogue when it was still Orthodox," said Rabbi Felder. "Her father-in-law was one of Toronto's first shochets."

Guest speaker at the tribute dinner will be Rabbi Sol Roth, an associate professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University in New York.

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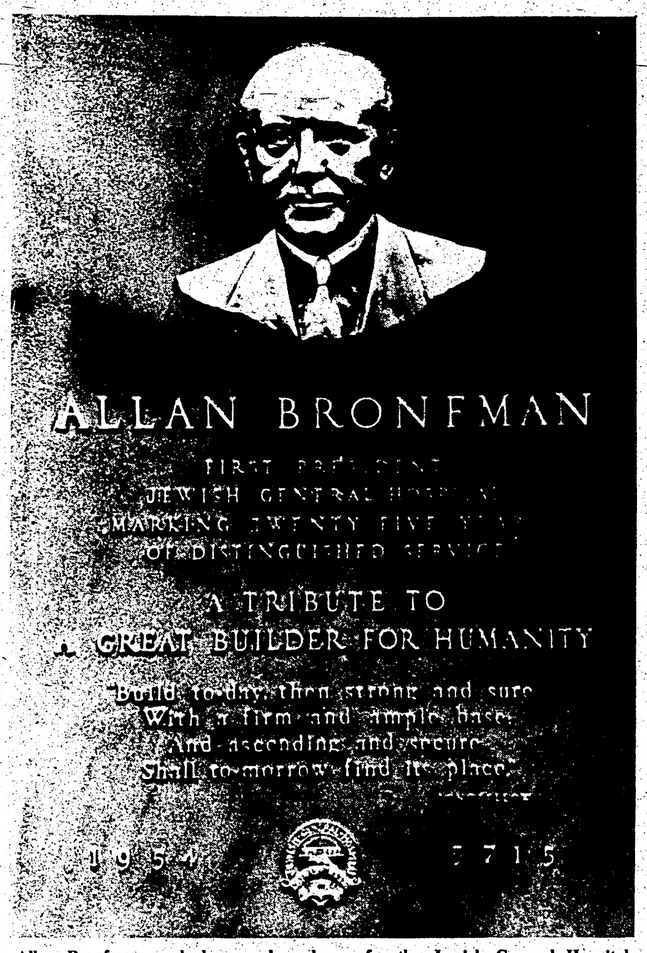
Photographs review his long career

Community pays tribute to Allan Bronfman



Allan Bronfman worked many long hours for the Jewish General Hospital.

Gordon Brown, former president of Allied Jewish Community Services, and Bronfman visited Ramallah, on the West Bank, following Six Day War.

Bronfman [second from right] at Jewish General Hospital sod-turning ceremony.

Golda Meir and Bronfman were among the guests at a Toronto United Israel Appeal luncheon.

Allan Bronfman with scientist Albert Einstein

David Ben Gurion was a personal friend of Bronfman

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Jewish community leaders here expressed sorrow over the death of Allan Bronfman, who died last week at the age of 84.

Bronfman, who had been in failing health for the past several years, was actively involved in many Montreal and Israeli institutions including the Jewish General Hospital and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Sheila Zittrer, current president of the Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital told The Canadian Jewish News that "Allan Bronfman was the most beloved person in this hospital.

"As its founding president, Allan Bronfman had the vision to see the need for the community to have its own hospital. He led the first fund raising campaign and it was he who took the hospital through its early stages to today when the Jewish General is considered one of North America's leading teaching hospitals.

"One can say that the hospital has lost one of its best friends and the Jewish community has lost one of its most loyal supporters."

Monroe Abbey, honorary president of Canadian Jewish Congress and a past president, said that "Allan Bronfman was one of the most dedicated persons I have had the pleasure of knowing.

"As honorary vice-president of Congress and in his many orher capacities, Allan Bronfman was a good friend of both the community and Israel. He was also a close friend. My personal association with him goes back a lifetime.

"His dedication to the Jewish General Hospital is one of which the community can be very proud," Abbey continued. "His example as a community leader is an inspiration to us all as was his example as a devoted husband and friend."

Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation said that with the death of Allan Bronfman "a prince has been lost.

"Allan Bronfman was a dedicated Zionist, a devoted Jew and a prince among men. He was blessed with a zest for life which enabled him to rise above personal tragedy and enjoy much happiness.

"As a leader he stimulated others by example and encouraged them to follow him in service to Eretz Israel and Am Israel.

"Allan Bronfman," Kronitz noted, "belonged to a generation of leaders who left an indelible imprint on our community. He will be sorely missed.

"At the passing of this great Zionist leader the Zionist movement dips its white and blue flag in mourning."

Michael Greenblatt, honorary president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and deputy chairman of the international board of governors declared that the community has suffered an "irreparable loss in Allan Bronfman's passing.

"His contribution to Canada, to the Jewish community, to Israel and to humanity exceeds all description.

"As a close personal friend and colleague in community affairs over many years I learned to admire his dynamic leadership, his warm peraonality and his capacity to devote himself tirelessly to all cultural and charitable endeavors, big or small.

"As founder president of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, Allan Bronfman led the organization for more than three decades and Israel's mother university bears the indelible imprint of his remarkable efforts on its behalf," Greenblatt continued.

"His selfless devotion will serve as a lasting inspiration to all who were privileged to know and love him."

Irving Halperin, president of Allied Jewish Community Services, said that "it is impossible to encapsulate the contribution Allan Bronfman made to all human causes, Jewish and non-Jewish. His commitment to the service of mankind was exceptional, creative and productive.

"We at AJCS and the Combined Jewish Appeal — as major benefactors of his concern and involvement — mourn his passing while acknowledging the end of a long and distinguished life which helped enrich us all.

"Our deep sympathies go to his widow, Lucy, and to his sons Edward and Peter and to other members of the family."

More than 800 people attended the brief but dignified funeral at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, March 28. Among them were: Israeli ambassador Yeshahayu Anug; Daniel Ben-Natan, head of the Canadian studies program at Hebrew University; Dr. Ralph Halbert of Toronto, national president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University; Sam Rothberg of Illinois, international chairman of State of Israel Bonds; Morris Sipser, executive vice-president of the Development Corporation for Israel; Senator Lazarus Phillips; Quebec MNA Harry Blank; Irving Grundeman, president of the Montreal Canadiens; Sam Berger, owner of the Montreal Alouettes; former hockey star Jean Beliveau; and leaders from almost every community organization. Friends and relatives of the Bronfman family came from around the world.

In his eulogy, Rabbi Wilfred Shuchot said "doing something for others" was the hallmark of Bronfman's life. "If there was an organization of worth, he was associated with it, and not in a token capacity either . . . He pursued his objectives ceaselessly, relentlessly."

Under bright sunny skies, Bronfman was buried in the family plot on the side of Mount Royal. Beside him was a bag of earth from Jerusalem brought by his granddaughter Linda, who now lives in Israel.

Bronfman and Saul Hayes present Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau with an Encyclopaedia Judaica on behalf of the entire Jewish Community of Canada.

In 1964 Allan Bronfman was man of the year. Among those honoring him were Prime Minister Lester Pearson and Mrs. Pearson and his wife Lucy.

Three Bronfman brothers from left: Abe, Sam and Allan.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

SERIOUS THOUGHTS

Guest speaker at Temple Sinai's Oneg Shabbat this Friday, April 4, is Israeli academic Prof. Gabriel Warburg, who was a visiting professor at York University and currently holds that position at the Centre of Advanced International Studies at the University of Miami. His topic — **Islamic Revival.** Services begin at 8.15 p.m.

The international affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, in co-operation with Temple Sinai, is sponsoring a forum on **Politics and Anti-Semitism** on Wednesday, the 9th. Keynote speaker is Israel Singer, executive director, North American branch, World Jewish Congress. That's at 8 p.m. at the temple.

Shifting Sands and New Oasis: The Decade Ahead is the theme of the public affairs day arranged by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO for Thursday, the 10th, from 10-3.30 at the Park Plaza Hotel. Speakers are Rev. Stanford Lucyk of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, and Evelyn Sommers, WIZO representative to the UN.

That same evening (the 10th) Adath Israel Congregation's Women in Synagogue series continues with a look at **The Traditionalist Approach** with Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Montreal. The time is 8.30 p.m.

AVIVA ART SHOW

Art buffs can gear up for the big Aviva art show (it's the 28th one for Aviva chapter of Hadassah-WIZO) by viewing the exhibit at Simpsons (downtown) fifth floor from now until April 18. Then, on Saturday, the 19th, the auction takes place in Simpsons Arcadian Court with the preview at 6 and the auction at 8.15. And something new has been added — the formation of B'Not Aviva Chapter (daughters of Aviva) who now select all the graphics and small works in the show and also look after the setting up and safe of the silent auction.

ACCOMMODATION FOR CJC YOUTH

Youth from across the country are expected in greater numbers than ever before at the Canadian Jewish Congress, plenary assembly May 1-4 at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel. As a result, there is an urgent need for accommodation for these young people. If you can put up a young person or persons for the nights of Thursday, May 1 and Saturday, May 3, please contact Janet Albin at the CJC at 977-3811, ext. 201. Friday night accommodation has been arranged at the hotel.

THIRD SEDER

B. Borochov Branch 124 of Labor Zionist Alliance Farband, together with the cultural committee, is having a Passover celebration (traditional third seder) this Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. at 14 Viewmount Ave. Program features a presentation by Bialik Hebrew School students, haggadah readings and songs by David Newman and guest artist Sara Hertzberg, and dances with music. For reservations, call the Farband office at 636-4021 or G. Grossinger at 463-5367.

HEALTH AWARENESS CLINICS

Three health awareness day clinics are being sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women of Eastern Canada and Toronto Council throughout the city this month. On Thursday, the 10th, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Town and Country Square, Yonge and Steeles . . . On Thursday, the 17th, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Thorncliffe Park Market Place . . . and on Wednesday, the 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Toronto-Dominion Centre. Along with audio-visual displays, trained personnel will be on hand to offer various testing and monitoring services and to discuss health and safety aspects.

JEWISH MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jewish couples who want to further enrich their marriages may be interested in spending the May 3-5 weekend with Jewish Marriage Encounter, a group which organizes get-togerhers where couples can concentrate on communicating with each other on a deeper level. Information nights are being scheduled prior to the weekend so that interested couples can get a more personal account of the program. Call Geraldine and Jerry Brick at 493-5966.

PHOTOS OF ISRAEL

Israel Day at Ontario Place, slated for June 8, is recognized as the largest annual Israel celebration on the continent, attracting some 35,000 people. Each year a souvenir book is published and this year's book focuses on **The Many Faces of Israel.**

The committee is looking for exciting, unusual pictures of Israeli life — people, places, events. If you have any such pictures or photographs, please send them to the Canadian Zionist Federation, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto, M6B 3K1. Be sure to enclose a brief description of each picture and put your name and address on the reverse side.

Pictures will be returned and you will be given credit in the book opposite each picture. Do it now! Deadline is April 30.

NORTH-EAST ACTIVITIES!

North-East Jewish Community Services is again sponsoring a co-operative pre-school summer program for three and four-year-old children. This half-day program (Pintsize Playtime) will operate from 9.30-11.30 five mornings a week. Session 1 runs from July 1-18 and session 2 from July 21-Aug. 8.

A prerequisite is that one parent per family volunteer services one morning a week.

Pre-registration is required. Call the NEJCS at 493-8866.

Another program for young people is the child-care course to teach youngsters (grades 5 and 6) how to take care of themselves and their younger brothers and sisters during the absence of parents. Six after-school sessions are planned for April and May, dealing with basic child care, behavior and safety measures.

Course will take place at the United Synagogue Day School at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. For information, call NEJCS at 493-8866.

CENTRE FOR HUMAN AFFAIRS

Several eight-session courses are being offered at the Centre for Human Affairs of the Koffler Centre of the Arts — **Get To Know Yourself Through Spontaneous Art** begins April 14 from 1.30-3.30 with instructor Norma Kazdan . . . **Human Dynamics: Understanding Ourselves and Others** starts April 15 from 9.30-11.30 a.m. with moderator Georgine Nash . . . **Effective Communication — Helping Others, Helping Oneself and Resolving Conflicts** begins April 17 from 9.30-11.30 a.m. given by Georgine Nash.

For more information about all courses, call 636-1880, ext. 15 or 33.

ENTERTAINERS COURSE

More notes from the Koffler Centre — The dance, music and theatre schools are combining their faculty and resources to offer talented persons, over 16 years of age, special training in all aspects of entertainment as a career choice. This entertainers' course will run in conjunction with the dance summer school, June 30-Aug. 1. For information, call 636-1880, ext. 37 or 61.

SENIORS — LOOK, FEEL GREAT

The health education program, sponsored by the group for community development of the Association of Jewish Senior Clubs, is back by popular demand. The eight-week series on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to noon, April 17 to June 19, combines information and fun in group sessions on nutrition, fitness, shopping, cooking and weight control. Group meets at the Jewish Community Centre, north branch. Register now by calling 635-2860.

SINGLES EVENTS

The Young Adults (19-26) at Beth Emeth Beth Yehuda Synagogue are having a Pesach disco dance this Saturday, April 5, at 9 p.m. at the synagogue. For information, call Judy at 635-0146.

University Graduate Club has arranged a third seder party for Sunday, April 6, at 8.30 p.m. at 140 Erskine Ave., party room B2.

BOYS TOWN DISPLAY

When you are in the Yonge-Bloor area be sure to drop in to new Metropolitan Toronto Library to see the extensive display about Boys Town Jerusalem, set up on the third floor. As part of the exhibit there's a book on display entitled **Great is Peace.** It is one of a limited edition of the book Prime Minister Begin presented to President Sadat during the initial peace talks.

BE A VOLUNTEER

The Jewish Community Centre currently needs volunteers to staff its sports school programs. Needed are instructors to work primarily in afternoons with children in the 5-12 age range, teaching tennis, floor hockey, squash and racquetball, basketball and table tennis. Also, volunteers are needed to teach women's self-defence and to co-ordinate a women's house league in racquetball. For additional information, contact Volunteer Centre North York at 481-6194.

GET INTO SHAPE

Now is the time to get into shape and the North York parks and recreation department's adult fitness and dance programs can help you do just that. Day and evening courses are available now at several locations throughout North York. As well as traditional fitness classes, rhythmics, jogging, dancercise, disco, jazz and yoga are also offered. Contact Karen Garscadden at 224-6260 for registration information.

SPEND A YEAR ABROAD

Jewish communities and organizations overseas require qualified individuals to serve in various Jewish youth, educational and community areas. If you possess a good Jewish background, a foreign language skill, a community commitment to Jewish life and experience in an aspect of Jewish education, youth work or community work, and would like to spend a year abroad, there are several positions available in Jewish communities in Europe and North Africa. Write Ira Cohen, co-ordinator of Project Areivim, World Union of Jewish Students, Shikunei Elef ¼, Givat Ram, Jerusalem, Israel. Or call Susan Silverman at 489-1682 after 6 p.m. and on weekends.

APRIL IS CANCER MONTH

A reminder that April is cancer month in Canada. The Canadian Cancer Society has set a national goal of $18 million for 1980 with Metro Toronto being asked to contribute $3 million of that total. And, for your information, of every dollar collected, 61 cents is spent on research, 14 cents on services to patients, 13 cents on education, and 12 cents for administration and campaign expenses.

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Cecily Peters

Cecily Peters is chairman of Toronto's celebration of Israel's 32nd anniversary sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation. This year both the Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration and the Yom Hazicharon remembrance service will be held Sunday, April 20, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The remembrance service is called for 6.45 p.m., followed by the celebration at 8.30 with **Ron Eliran** as featured artist. Mrs. Peters, presently a national vice-president of Hadassah-WIZO, is a past president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and was chairman of the women's division of Toronto UJA and United Israel Appeal, Ontario region.

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Toronto painter **Itzy Borenstein** opened his first one-man show this past Saturday at the Idee gallery, 112 Queen St. E. The 29-year-old artist, who is also a published poet, works in oils, and this exhibit, entitled "Evolutionary Landscape," is made up of about 20 paintings which display his colorful impressionist style. The show runs to April 17.

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Toronto Zionist Council executive vice-president **George Liban** has recently returned from a speaking tour of southeast U.S. on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, southwest region. In addition to doing various TV and newspaper interviews, Dr. Liban addressed the International Law Society at Loyola University in New Orleans and the Jewish communities in Shreveport, La., Houston, Dallas and El Paso, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona.

Strangely enough, the Paul G. Rogers Community Health Excellence Award presented by Area No. 7 Florida Health Planning Council last month, is, of interest to Torontonians. The sculptor of that bronze award is Torontonian **Mary Cherney,** a winter resident of West Palm Beach.

Although Mrs. Cherney began sculpting less than five years ago, her works are displayed in galleries both here and in Florida as well as in many private collections. Her sculptures came to the attention of health agency officials through the Norton Gallery Art Guild in West Palm Beach.

The award is named for former representative Paul Rogers, who, for 24 years in Congress, sought to improve the U.S. health care system.

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Temple Har Zion has announced the appointment of Rabbi **Daniel Gottlieb** as director of education, beginning with the new school year. Rabbi Gottlieb is a native Torontonian and a confirmand of Holy Blossom Temple. He will be ordained a rabbi in the Leo Baeck College, London, Eng. this coming June.

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Sandi Caplan, of London, Ont., has been awarded the Lifestyle Award by the federal Department of National Health and Welfare for her work in developing the Heart to Heart cardiac program. The presentation was made last week in Ottawa by the minister of health and national welfare, Monique Begin. Mrs. Caplan worked through the National Council of Jewish Women in developing the program.

The Lifestyle Award was established by the government of Canada to provide recognition to Canadians "who have made meaningful contributions towards the promotion of a positive lifestyle by expanding community services and raising the level of health awareness in their area."

The Heart to Heart program was set up by the NCJW to provide information and support to cardiac patients and their families. A film describing the program, entitled "Heart Attack: Rx for Survival," was televised on the CBC last Sunday.

Recipes show that on Pesach diets need not be abandoned

"The eight day Passover holiday is, normally, a challenge even for the expert in creative Jewish cooking," says Marie Ludwick, area director of Weight Watchers in Ontario.

"So many common every-day foods are restricted. Creating tempting new recipes, while keeping an eye on the waistline as well, really takes a lot of imagination."

So, Weight Watchers International has transformed some traditional foods into an array of dishes for the calorie-conscious.

Potato kugel, for instance, has been baked into individual, portion-controlled sized muffins for plenty of crispness. Gefilte fish has been raised from its typical appetizer status to a full entree, baked in a loaf and brightened with carrot strips running happily throughout. Fish patties, a favorite all year round, here are made kosher for Passover by using matzoh instead of bread crumbs, and adding tuna and vegetables. Finally, as an appetizer or side dish for any meal, rutabaga, unusual in its raw state, and dressed with flair in sweetened oil and vinegar.

GEFILTE FISH LOAF

960 g [2 pounds] whitefish fillets, cut into 2.5-cm [1-inch] pieces
120 g [4 ounces] chopped onion
50 mL [¼ cup] water
40 mL [2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons] matzo Meal
10 mL [2 teaspoons] coarse salt
5 mL [1 teaspoon] pepper
4 medium carrots, cut into 18-cm [7-inch] long strips
3 carrot slices
Parsley sprigs to garnish

In a large bowl combine fish, onion and water. Place ½ of mixture in blender container or food processor. Process until smooth; transfer to another bowl. Repeat with remaining mixture. Add matzo meal, salt and pepper; mix well. Line a 20 x 10 x 7-cm (8 x 4 x 2-¾-inch) loaf pan with wax paper. Place 1/3 of fish mixture in pan. Arrange ½ of the carrot strips over mixture; spread with ½ of remaining fish. Arrange remaining carrot strips over fish. Top with remaining fish mixture. Tap pan gently to eliminate air bubbles. Place loaf pan in larger baking pan, which contains about 2.5 cm (1 inch) water; bake at 160°C (325°F.) for 50 minutes, or until firm. Make V-shaped cuts around edge of each carrot slice to create carrot flowers. Garnish loaf with carrot flowers and parsley. Makes 4 Evening Meal servings. Divide evenly. Each serving is equivalent to:
180 g (6 ounces) Fish
30 g (1 ounce) Limited Vegetable
2 servings something Extra
(10 mL or 2 teaspoons matzo meal)
1 serving Vegetables

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TUNA-VEGGIE PATTIES

375 mL [1½ cups] grated carrots
125 mL [½ cup] chopped celery
120 g [4 ounces] minced onion
50 mL [¼ cup] finely diced green pepper
50 mL [¼ cup] chopped fresh parsley
2 bouillon cubes, crumbled
240 g [8 ounces] drained, canned tuna, flaked
4 medium eggs, beaten
2 matzo boards, made into crumbs
60 mL [4 tablespoons] catsup

Preheat ovem to 220°C (450°F.). In nonstick skillet combine carrots, celery, onion, green pepper, parsley and crumbled bouillon cubes. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender. Transfer to bowl. Stir in tuna, eggs and matzo. Divide evenly into 8 portions. Form each portion into a pattie and place on nonstick baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes; turn patties and bake 5 minutes longer. Serve 2 patties per portion; serve each portion with 15 mL (1 tablespoon) catsup. Makes 4 Midday Meal servings.

Each serving is equivalent to:
1¼ servings Vegetables
30 g (1 ounce) Limited Vegetable
2 servings Something Extra
(½ bouillon cube, 15 mL or 1 tablespoon catsup)
60 g (2 ounces) Fish
1 Egg
1 serving Bread

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POTATO KUGEL MUFFINS

360 g [12 ounces] pared potatoes, grated
250 mL [1 cup] grated zucchini
250 mL [1 cup] grated carrots
4 medium eggs, slightly beaten
60 g [2 ounces] diced onion
60 mL [4 tablespoons] matzo meal
20 mL [1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon] vegetable oil
2 mL [½ teaspoon] salt
White pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 190°C (375°F.). Place grated potatoes in strainer; squeeze out excess moisture with back of spoon and transfer to bowl. Repeat process with zucchini, adding zucchini to potatoes. Add carrots, eggs, onion, matzo meal and oil. Season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Divide mixture evenly into 8 cups of a nonstick muffin tin. Bake 45 minutes, or until well browned. Makes 4 Midday Meal servings, 2 muffins each. Supplement as required.

Each serving is equivalent to:
1 serving Choice Group
1 serving Vegetables
1 Egg
15 g (½ ounce) Limited Vegetable
3 servings Something Extra
(15 mL or 1 tablespoon matzo meal)
1 serving Fat

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RUTABAGA APPETIZER

60 g [2 ounces] pared rutabaga, grated
10 mL [2 teaspoons] vegetable oil
Artificial sweetener to equal 2 mL [½ teaspoon] sugar, optional
2 mL [½ teaspoon] red wine vinegar
0.5 mL [1/8 teaspoon] salt
White pepper to taste
125 mL [½ cup] lettuce leaves
1 parsley sprig
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More recognize Begin

LONDON [ZINS] —

Forty-three percent of the British public can identify with Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin, while only 36% recognize Egyptian President Sadat, according to a study published recently in the weekly, Now.

The same proportion holds true with respect to the countries, Israel and Egypt. Fifty-one percent of those questioned had some knowledge about Israel compared with 44% in the case of Egypt.

Menachem Begin was sixth on the list of 12 foreign leaders who are familiar to the British public. The leading foreign head-of-state is Jimmy Carter, identified by no less than 92% of those interviewed. In second place was Fidel Castro, whom 53% identified; the Ayatollah Khomeini, 48%.

The list also includes the President of France, Giscard D'Estaing whom 22% recognized and the President of Zambia, Kenneth Kaunda, 21%.

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Organizations and People

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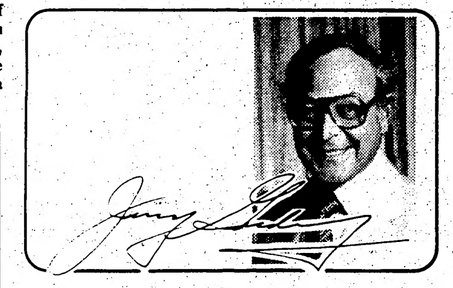
Baycrest Terrace canvassers celebrate completion of their card coverage. Here they are shown handing in cards to Irma Feldheim. With her are Jean Markowitz, Elizabeth Kestler, Bessie Baskin, Ida Lovinsky, Annie Dillick, Olga Tamas, Sara Hiltz, Lena Dickstein, Sylvia Moore, Rose Wodlinger and Fanny Applebaum.



We really managed to complete a great many cards during the pre-Passover weeklong telethon at 150 Beverley. On the first morning (Sunday, March 23), UJA veteran, **Nat Hurwich,** could do no wrong. Every phone call he made was productive, and to Nat it was a "very satisfying few hours."

As for the rest of the week, telethoners came and went all during the day, giving whatever spare time they had available. Both **Judy Gwartz** and **Gay Berger** spent almost the entire day at UJA headquarters. When they had finished with what they had to do in the Women's Division office, they came down and worked on the telephones.

And we're certainly grateful to so many others who helped out so generously, such as **Stephen Berger, Bill Dunn, Herb Finkelstein, Larry Gluckstein, David Stokes** and **Ralph Snow.**

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Things were humming during the evenings as well. I understand the Apparel group took over the phones one night. Along with **Mike Harris** and **Alan Lerman** were **Marsha Hurst, Eddie Kirschner, Marty Krystal, Uri Lenga, Moishe Lerman, Brian Pollack, Howie Tuber, Lorraine Vanderheym, Brian Vyner.**

Dr. Fred Langer also arranged for the second evening telethon of the Physicians' group. He was joined by four colleagues, **Drs. Allan Adelman, Harvey Shaul, Herbert Tanzer** and **Laurie Zeilig.** A third is planned for April 30.

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It's never too late! **Paul Ezrin** has agreed to head the Mortgage Brokers' division and he is now setting up a committee to work with him.

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The new Jewish Agency budget has been published. The overall budget for 1979-80 is $405 million with an additional $60 million for Project Renewal.

I think you'll be interested in this breakdown of costs for services to immigrants to Israel:

$75 provides a new immigrant with health insurance through the Jewish Agency —

$150 helps a newcomer learn Hebrew while attending one semester or more in an Ulpan class —

$300 provides monthly support for an immigrant family undergoing Jewish Agency-sponsored retraining courses that help professionals, craftsmen and small businessmen establish themselves in their own profession or trade —

$1,250 provides an elderly immigrant with an annual old age pension —

$1,750 pays for the addition of a room to an existing housing unit, to help ease overcrowding —

$4,500 helps an immigrant family from Eastern Europe with financial assistance on basic household furnishings on their arrival in Israel —

$120,000 builds a kindergarten consisting of two classrooms, kitchen, showers, washroom and shelter.

That last item gave me a bit of a turn. Imagine having to include a "shelter" when building a kindergarten! Unfortunately, that is the reality of day-to-day life in the State of Israel . . . the necessity to think always in terms of safety and protection of children and all citizens.

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When this column is in print, like you, I will be enjoying the Passover holiday with my family, and so we will **not** be appearing in this slot next week.

On behalf of all of us at UJA, I wish all of you a very happy Passover! See you in two weeks.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK— Dave Freeman's earliest involvement in the United Jewish Appeal campaign dates back to his days as a canvasser in the Construction division. He has since left the construction industry to enter a new business and this year he's getting his feet wet as a Major Gifts canvasser. Dave has chalked up an auspicious record so far in the 1980 campaign and it is a pleasure to cite him for his first-rate performance in Major Gifts.

FREEMAN

Because of so many false alarms . . . .

Israelis ignore warnings

TORONTO —

One of the major security problems facing Israel is that Israelis tend to ignore danger warnings because there have been so many false alarms.

The Ray D. Wolfe Centre for Study of Psychological Stress at the University of Haifa is trying to cope with this situation through an extensive research program, according to Prof. Shlomo Breznitz, the head of the centre, who was in Toronto last week.

Breznitz told a meeting at the Holy Blossom Temple that the centre is trying to work out a technique which will protect the credibility of warning systems.

The speaker noted that it was the false alarm phenomenon which, to some degree, was responsible for the unprepared state Israel was in at the time of the Yom Kippur war. A few months earlier, the maneuvers of Egyptian and Syrian armies caused a total mobilization of the Israeli defence forces. Nothing happened then and when Syria and Egypt started to mass their troops again at the end of September, Israeli intelligence decided it was just another false alarm.

Breznitz said that with modern technology, almost nothing can be kept secret and warnings can be made long in advance of impending situations. "But," he added, "the earlier the alert, the greater the possibility of a false alarm. We are trying to determine, through experiments, how to convince people to accept false alarms without letting them become callous about them."

Breznitz reported also that the centre is studying the psychological and psychiatric problems of Holocaust survivors and has compiled a computer data bank on the subject. When the study is completed, the information will be made available on a worldwide basis.

Also going into the computer are the results of a study dealing with bereaved parents whose sons have been killed in action.

Denial of stress, how long it should take to recover from stress, the management of frustration an anger and how to deal with heart cases are other subjects which have been researched.

"There are unlimited possibilities for research," the professor said. "Our goal is to make the centre known internationally."

Donald Carr, a member of the board of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University, introduced the speaker. He was thanked by Ray D. Wolfe, honorary president.

(David Groskind photo)

Prof. Shlomo Breznitz [second from left] recently told a meeting that there's a great deal of difficulty in enforcing the credibility of warning systems in Israel. Breznitz heads the Ray D. Wolfe Centre for the Study of Psychological Stress at Haifa University, where this problem is under study. While in Canada he met with Alvin Rosenberg [left], Ray Wolfe [second from right] and Donald Carr [right]. Rosenberg and Carr are members of board of Canadian Friends of Haifa U. Ray Wolfe is honorary president of Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

The recent arrival of two Vietnamese families brings total in Hamilton to twenty refugees

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

With the arrival here on the eve of the recent Chinese New Year of two Vietnamese families, three of the four Hamilton Jewish sponsor groups have now welcomed their Boat People, a total of 20 refugees.

First to come were the Beth Jacob congregation's 10-member Liow family, who arrived late last year and are now comfortably settled and learning English.

In a flurry of activity following the announcement of their imminent arrival, Beth Jacob religious school principal Gloria Silverman involved a group of teenagers in a grand house cleaning session while other members of the sponsor group rallied to last-minute preparations.

Edith Silver of Burlington, who, with Harriet and Morris Smurlick, has been in constant touch with the family, introduced the parents and their eight children to the Burlington Jewish community at a Chanukah party and several days later the Liows attended the congregational Chanukah dinner at Beth Jacob synagogue.

Before they came here, the Liows didn't know anything at all about Jews, said Mrs. Silver, "but they seem to catch on very quickly." She thought their Catholic background might have helped them understand but they know nothing of the reasons why Jews would be particularly concerned about the Boat People's fate.

"To them we're just a group of people who want to help," she went on. "It would be good for them to learn we're a group who've gone through the same thing," she added, "but that we can discuss later." For the moment, said Mrs. Silver, they have quite enough new things to cope with.

The Dam family of four — parents, daughter Mai and her fiance Quoc Nguyen, — was sponsored by a Temple Anshe Sholom group headed by Rabbi Bernard Baskin and Hamilton Jewish Federation.

Group One of approximately 25 individuals plus a group from Adas Israel Synagogue, is responsible for six young adults ranging in age from 21 to 28, a married couple, their sister, cousins and a nephew.

Still waiting is Federation Group Two, or "T'Kumah," (re-birth), 11 couples who agreed to provide for a family of four to six refugees for a year. An apartment has been ready and waiting for them since December 1, said one member of the group. UIA Ontario region women's division chairman Isabel Strub, who was instrumental in its formation. "We're very disappointed and waiting impatiently," she said, adding that the 11 couples will share equal responsibility for their family.

The Temple group's Lynda Bromstein was happy to discover that the Dams can speak French, which has made communication considerably easier. Nevertheless "we'll wait till they have a better knowledge of English before we introduce them to the congregation," she suggested.

For the Dams an emotional reunion is in store when a brother they haven't seen for 30 years comes to visit next week. A professor of languages in Virginia, he last heard of his relatives when they were drifting helplessly on the China Sea for 35 days before eventually hitting land and being sent to a camp in Hong Kong.

The Dams are lucky. Their best friends, they found, had been sponsored by a church group in Burlington.

Group One's young people are likely to be independent as soon as they have completed their English courses. The head of the family, a tailor, has been offered a job, once he knows the language, by a local manufacturer of men's wear. The owner of a framing business will train a young woman and another of the women who can crochet has been promised a job with an interior decorating firm.

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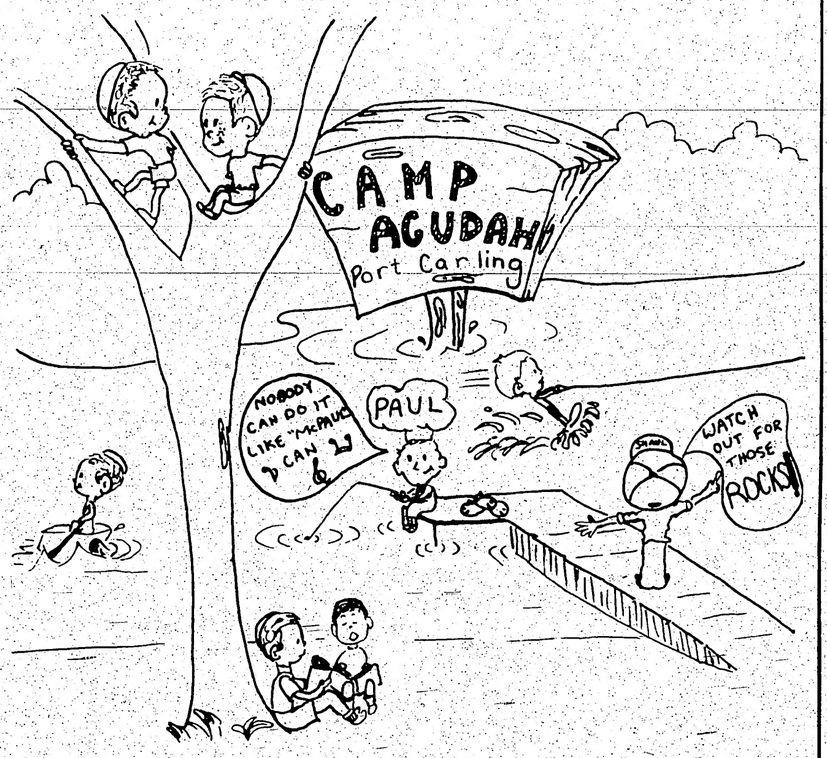

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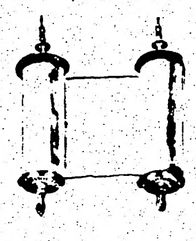

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Chol Ha'moed Pesach / Song of Songs

Weekly Halacha: It is a mitzvah to count the Sefirat Ha'omer without interruption until Shavuot.

The Jewish people are compared to a dove — for innocence, for fragility, for their cooing of love to G-d.

A certain Hungarian community sent a sha'aloh (rabbinic question) to the brilliant Hasam Sofer about a cantor they were thinking of hiring. He had a fine voice, knew how to deal with people, but he had one drawback — he wasn't overly pious and didn't have a beard.

Answered the Hasam Sofer: "In the Song of Songs, which is a love song between G-d and Israel, G-d says to us: 'Let me see your visage, let me hear your voice . . .' Why in that order? But to tell you — before G-d wants to hear the voice of a cantor, G-d first wants to see what he looks like — what a **yarei shomayim,** what a G-d fearing person he is!"

The most beautiful cantorial voice must not start from the diaphragm, or throat, but from the soul.

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Why are the Jewish people compared to a dove?

Say our rabbis: all birds fly with two wings until they stop somewhere to rest. But not a dove — even when it rests on one wing, it still flies with the other. So with the Jewish people. We can never completely rest. There is no place that we can say, here we are and will stay forever. We shone in Spain for hundreds of years, and then were tossed out. We filled German universities with great scientists, and then they sent us to gas chambers. We make cities great and vibrant, and then are made to feel like outsiders.

So what do we have left? Just one little land of Israel. Finally our wanderings are over — we hope. But what happens? Again our rabbis teach . . . the dove escapes into a cleft of a rock to evade the attacking eagle and inside the rock lurks a snake. Even in the bosom of the Holy Land there are scorpions ready to attack.

Our only sure help is from G-d.

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But you can't fool G-d, not those who pose as good Jews, but in secret commit all sorts of wicked acts.

Consider . . . when G-d spoke to the people of Israel, He compared them to a dove hiding behind a flight of stairs, in the shadows . . . "in the hidden part of the steps, show me your visage . . ."

Why mention hidden stairs? Why not bring the beautiful dove into the open?

But it shows . . . the Almighty says: "You know how I can tell if a Jew is pure? Not when he is in the open, posing in front of others. In the hidden places! When no one sees what he's doing except himself and Me, then I can see how sincere he is in his faith . . ."

The real test of a good Jew is when he is alone.

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The greatest praise that G-d gives to the Jews is the beauty of their lips — "like a thread of scarlet is your lips . . ."

Why a thread of scarlet? Because in the Temple on Yom Kippur, the Jews would tie a thread of scarlet to the door. If they saw that it turned white, it was a sign their sins were forgiven. If it didn't, they were very ashamed — the thread revealed their true spiritual state.

The same with lips. From the words that come forth from the lips and tongue of a person, you can easily see what type of Jew he is, where his thoughts lie, what his true feelings are. Words are precious. They can heal or destroy. They can make a Jew holy or disgrace him.

May our words, our thoughts, our prayers and hopes always be found favorable before G-d, Amen. Shabbat Shalom. Ah freilecha Yom Tov.

Financial restraint hampering de-institutionalization process

TORONTO —

Financial restraint now appears to be the name of the game for all levels of government, particularly in provincial, social and community service departments.

Government efforts to bring the mentally and physically handicapped who are presently institutionalized back into the community, are increasing. On the surface, it's a good idea, but without providing adequate support and backup services in the community, the "real world" can be a frightening place for those who have been cut off from the mainstream for an extended period of time.

This is an idea which directly concerns the Jewish Family & Child Service and Toronto Jewish Congress chaplaincy services. The institutional factor took up one half of the joint JF&CS and TJC foster care study recently completed.

The study, in its conclusions, states: "The government's de-institutionalization process is inappropriately planned since it continues without reference to the capacity of the voluntary sector to absorb those re-entering their faith communities.

"Advocacy to bring about appropriate government legislation and regulations, as well as adequate funding, is called for in order to more effectively provide both the special people referred to in the report and the Jewish community itself, with viable alternatives."

Until now, the study states, both JF&CS and chaplaincy, with limited resources, have worked effectively to assure that the institutionalized are served in such a way as to maximize their Jewish identification.

However, the report goes on, chaplaincy services are not available in court settings due to lack of resources; to meet with needs of a growing list of special types of problem people (borderline and senior retarded, highly emotionally disturbed); for the blind, deaf, or others in need due to handicaps; many scattered nursing homes, halfway houses, etc. throughout the province.

With respect to institutionalization, the emphasis now is to provide support for individuals who can be placed in more appropriate community settings. For those harder to place, the agency works with the family, attempting to help the affected child or adult.

As to its role in institutions, JF&CS can only function within the area of its jurisdiction, and then only with the cooperation of the functionaries in the institutions. Its aim is to monitor the services to Jewish residents and negotiate on their behalf.

The agency's activities on behalf of the institutionalized may also be considered from the point of view of three categories with which it works: the very troubled, the moderately troubled and those in and out of institutions because of the less severe nature of their incapacities.

Statistics revealed in the study show that as of May 15, 1979, the agency dealt with the following numbers in institutions: 110 mentally retarded; 125 with mental health problems (32 of these elderly); 40 in jails and training schools; adolescent children in half-way houses in the province (actual numbers not known); and nine children in Bloorview.

At present there is only one Jewish treatment centre for adolescents in Metropolitan Toronto — the Centre Shelanu. This facility has a residence of six beds for teenagers who are unable to live at home. It also operates a day treatment centre for approximately 60 teenagers and a formal educational program under public school supervision.

As a result of the JF&CS approach to treatment, the waiting list usually numbers no more than three. Further, because of its adherence to its Jewish communal mandate, over the years the centre has served only two non-Jewish children.

Community-based resources regularly used by the Centre Shelanu include the south branch of the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Vocational Service.

The study also revealed that JF&CS has entered into a contract with the provincial government for the appointment of a professional, paid for through the public purse, to be a family support resource for institutional retardees. The appointment, the report states, reflects the government's position that JF&CS is the exclusive casework agency in this field. No other casework services for retardation within the Jewish community are publicly funded.

Recommendations made in the study have been passed on to the TJC social planning and social policy committees for review and implementation.

Two CSJE spokesmen spark major coalition for 800,000 elderly all across province

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Two spokesmen from a key social agency for the Jewish elderly are leading a province-wide campaign to convince the Ontario government to shift gears on future planning for the aging from institutional to community home-based services.

Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly (CSJE) president Jeff Stutz and executive director Michael Scheinert — along with executive director Pat Thomas from Visiting Homemakers of Metropolitan Toronto, and president Jane Cronyn of Community Care Services of Metropolitan Toronto — delivered a brief on aging to the Ontario government last week.

The brief was prepared by the Ontario Campaign for Community Based Services (OCCBS) which claims to speak for about 800,000 elderly in Ontario, and represents the first major coalition of social services agencies for the elderly in Ontario, according to Scheinert.

The brief urged Premier William Davis to commission an intensive public review of government policies towards the aging, and called for a 28% increase in funds for non-institutional services.

Non-institutional agencies such as CSJE provide home support services including cleaning, cooking, shopping and visiting which allow the elderly to remain at home rather than going into institutions.

Included in OCCBS's 15 agencies besides CSJE are — Baycrest Centre, Centre of Creative Living, Association of Senior Clubs — as well as the two largest seniors' organizations in Ontario — the United Senior Citizens of Ontario and Pensioners Concerned of Ontario.

The brief was presented to Dennis Timbrell, minister of health, Keith Norton, minister of community and social services, and Margaret Birch, provincial secretary for social development.

But the brief looks as if it is up against a brick wall of official "foot-dragging" and "reluctance to upset vested interests in institutional care for the aging," the four OCCBS members, including Stutz and Scheinert, told a press conference at Queen's Park.

Timbrell was quoted as saying: ". . . the government is limited not only by dollars but by traditions."

Mrs. Birch was reported as committing herself only to "reporting to the premier" and "hoping to get back to OCCBS within a month."

Confessing disappointment to the "vague" responses to OCCBS's brief, which took about 11 months to prepare, Stutz declared that "the Ontario government up to now has not delivered on its own stated policies.

"Although the government has a clear sense of where it wants to go — and in fact has praised our brief as impressive — the truth is that it will not make any changes until it has to."

Under questioning from the press, Stutz admitted that until OCCBS could translate the voices of its 800,000 votes, the brief would likely just stay on the shelf gathering dust."

Stutz said the province could save "hundreds of millions of dollars if it would switch from institutionally-based care for the elderly to non-institutional.

Referring to the OCCBS report, he said that about $320 million would be saved if the government kept the percentage of elderly in institutions at 5%, and about $155 million if the percentage was 6.5%.

At present, he said, the Ontario government puts over 8% of the total elderly population into institutions — one of the highest percentages in the western world.

Institutional care alone, he reported, consumes over 94% of the total public spending on the elderly.

Although zeroing in on the need for more and better home care support services — particularly outside of the main metropolitan centres in Ontario — the brief also grappled with the multiple problems afflicting the aging.

Pleading for "future-oriented" social planning, Scheinert said: "The elderly, increasing at 3% a year, are the fastest growing group in Ontario's population. By the end of the century, almost 14 in every 100 will be over 65." He said that half of Ontario's elderly single people — over 190,000 individuals — earned less than $5,000 annually and three-quarters of that number were women.

Scheinert called for a "comprehensive" approach to social planning for the aged. "Aging is an issue of income, employment, human rights, development opportunities, research and the proper co-ordination of the government's social services," he said.

He criticized the "waste and confusing division of responsibilities among the levels of government," as well as mandatory retirement policies. "At least 15 to 20% of the retired want to keep on working," he said.

Germany's Jews on rise

BONN [JTA] —

The number of Jews permanently residing in the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin rose slightly last year — from 27,295 on Jan. 1, 1979 to 27,768 on Jan. 1, 1980. The statistics, released in Frankfurt several days ago by the Central Organization of Jews in West Germany (Zentralrat) attributed the increase mainly to the immigration of Jews from eastern bloc countries.

Other factors were conversions — a total of 55 persons converted to Judaism — and 80 births. The origin of another 156 Jews who contributed to the population growth was not stated in the statistics. The largest Jewish community is in West Berlin where 6,145 reside, followed by 4,931 in Frankfurt, 3,920 in Munich, 1,375 in Hamburg and 1,248 in Cologne. Men outnumber women by 14,462-13,306. The average age of the Jewish population in West Germany is 44.6 years.

According to official statistics from East Germany, only 900 Jews reside in that country, 400 in East Berlin and the remainder distributed among seven other communities. No data is available as to their age structure but most are believed to be elderly.

According to Werner Nachmann, chairman of the Zentralrat, as long as West Germany remains free and democratic, Jews can find a home here. He observed, however, that there is still anti-Jewish feeling in Germany and it would be mistaken to believe that problems between Germans and Jews would resolve themselves with the passage of time.

Speaking in Hamburg, Nachmann said there was greater understanding shown toward Jews and Judaism by German youths who studied the Nazi era thoroughly than among those who did not.

Nachmann referred to recent incidents which disturbed the Jewish community. In one, journalists expressed anti-Jewish views in a Radio Bremen broadcast. The other was a demonstration carried with the slogan "Kill the Jews."

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Leo Adler, principal at Eitz Chaim, chats with Chana Gluckowsky and Sharon Schwartz. The girls were instrumental in the adoption of a young Israeli orphan by their Grade 9 classmates at school.

Eitz Chaim's grade 9 girls foster 11-year old Israeli girl

TORONTO —

The teachers of Eitz Chaim schools have taught their students well, and the students have applied their lessons superbly.

The grade 9 girls have collectively become the foster mother of a little Israeli girl living in Jerusalem.

Ofrah is 11 years old. She is an orphan at Kiryat Banot, Girls Town Jerusalem (Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Educational Centre).

Learning of her tragic lot, the girls in grade nine wrote to her, exchanged photographs, raised money to support and maintain her and showed they cared.

Sharon Schwartz, president of Student Council said: "We have undertaken to provide the $360 necessary to support Ofrah for a year because we want to share our good fortune."

Chana Gluckowsky, vice-president of Student Council added: "A Purim carnival, bazaar and auction were organized to raise the money. We hope the girls in grade 8 will carry on next year in the same way."

Rabbi Shmuel Klein, the teacher who supervised the fundraising offered this comment: "This act of kindness has enlarged the students' understanding and friendship of Israel."

"I am pleased with the compassion and initiative of the girls," stated Leo Adler, principal of the Viewmount branch of Eitz Chaim, under whose guidance the project was started. "They are keen to make Ofrah a part of the Eitz Chaim mishpocha."

Correspondence between the girls in both Hebrew and English has given much hope and joy to Ofrah and the girls have great satisfaction in following her progress. Some girls, who will be in Israel this summer, will visit her and strengthen the bond that grew out of deep concern.

Seven agencies unite efforts for volunteers

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

In the face of changing social roles for women, seven Toronto service agencies are putting their heads together to work out a "united appeal" for volunteers.

"This is the first time these agencies ever attempted to combine volunteer resources and recruitment," according to Shirley Worth, professional volunteer co-ordinator of Jewish Family & Child Service.

Mrs. Worth is one of the workers for the newly established Jewish Inter-Agency Recruitment Committee which is setting up a model program soon for about 150 representatives on the volunteer committees of the seven agencies.

The program will take place April 16 at 8 p.m. at the Joseph & Minnie Wagman Centre.

The agencies involved are: Baycrest, Jewish Information Service, Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, Centre for Creative Living, Jewish Community Centre, National Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Family & Child Service.

"The home-centred housewife, the chief source of volunteer recruitment for social service agencies within the Jewish community for so long, is disappearing," commented Mrs. Worth.

A mother of three sons, ages 12, 10 and 9, who herself started out as a volunteer before going professional, Mrs. Worth acknowledged that agencies were feeling the pinch as the supply of these "traditional" volunteers dried up.

"Many housewives are now going out to work and back to school," she said. "Another important development is that contemporary homemakers looking for volunteer work have far different needs than the last generation of volunteers.

"Volunteers today are clear and articulate about what they want. They not only want to perform a service, but they are also looking for skills-and-experience building which will not only make them more competent right now — but presumably, will one day look good on a resume," she said.

Voluntarism in the social agencies is a "perfect way" to gain a variety of work experience from developing interpersonal skills on a one-to-one basis or within a group, to learning administrative and office management skills, she said.

She added further that today's volunteers are not as interested in the "socializing" usually associated with volunteer work, although, the need to "connect" with others is still there.

Another major social change, she remarked, is the growing number of men (as well as students) joining the ranks of community volunteers.

The students, many of whom are thinking of careers in the social services, see volunteer activity as giving them the practical foundation they need for their academic pursuits, she explained.

"Also," she continued, "with specific demands for men in such roles as Big Brothers, men are growing more numerous within social service agencies — particularly, Jewish Family & Child Services where about 40% of the volunteers are men."

The function of the new inter-agency recruitment committee is to raise the awareness of the whole community — men, women and youth of all ages — to the needs of the service agencies and their clients, she said.

"The goal is not money," she stressed, "but human givingness to the community."

El Al more secure

LONDON [ZINS] —

El Al planes have been fitted with devices to detect missiles which could be fired at them by Palestinian terrorists, according to the British aeronautical magazine, Flight.

The magazine reported that the device emits a stronger heat than the aircraft engines, and is thus able to divert anti-aircraft missiles of the Soviet built infra-red heat-seeking type possessed by the terrorists.

Observers said the cost of the anti-missile equipment and other strict security measures against hijacking adopted by the El Al could be responsible for the operating losses reported in recent years by the previously profitable concern.

Good weather permitting, golfers could be on courses by middle of the month

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Once the Passover dishes are put away for another year it means one important thing — it's time to bring out the golf clubs and get them cleaned up for another season.

The CJN did a short roundup of a number of clubs popular with our readers, and it looks like golfers will all be on their favorite courses by April 25, weather permitting. Some courses open earlier.

The 27-hole Oakdale Golf and Country Club has the earliest scheduled opening date with April 15 being the target. Unfortunately, there are no open memberships at the private club, so the only way a person can play the course is if he/she is invited by a member.

Maple Downs has also slated April 25 as the possible opening day. Bruce Cardy, the club manager, told The CJN that the 650 members at his course won't notice many changes there, but they'll be happy to know that Irv Lightstone will be back for his 24th season as club pro.

People who were hoping to join the Donalda Club will find a three-year waiting list to become a member of the popular 1,000-member golf and tennis club. But those wishing to join a course can still choose from either Richmond Hill or Uplands.

Richmond Hill has a few senior men's memberships available at $840 while Uplands has a few senior men's memberships at $610.

Both courses sell a large variety of year-to-year memberships and don't require a lifetime commitment from those joining.

Richmond Hill's manager, Colom McAuley, said his club gained 220 new members this year because of Northwood closing down after last season.

April 17 has been picked as the opening day for Uplands and April 20 is the day slated for the first tee-off at Richmond Hill.

Please remember this is not intended to be an all inclusive survey of Metro Toronto golf courses, but rather a selected few that are played by a number of CJN readers.

Lost deposits

TEL AVIV [ZINS] —

The oil deposits in the Sinai recently relinquished by Israel to the Egyptians, will yield 2 million barrels of petroleum daily by the year 1982, according to Dr. Bezazel Ruth, in Ma'Ariv. This is based on his understanding of the findings of U.S. geologists who surveyed the territory.

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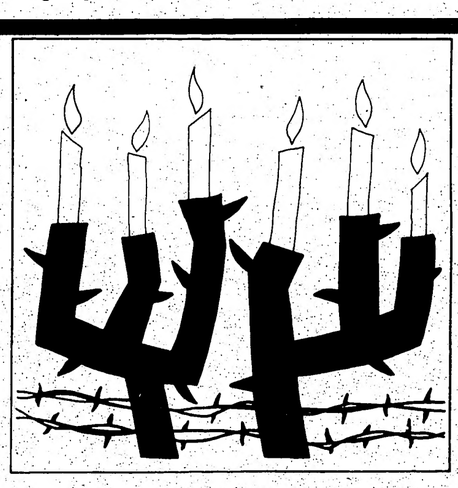

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SABBATH, APRIL 19: Services 9 a.m. "SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL SABBATH" The Israeli Community in Toronto is invited to join the Services. THE HONORABLE DAVID ARIEL, Consul-General of Israel in Toronto, will bring greetings.

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Teddy Fialkov (right) of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel and artist Yossi Stern admire a "Doodle with Yossi" picture. Yossi Stern used his talents to help boost the morale of the soldiers during Israel's five wars. He was recently the guest of the Toronto Branch, when he personally signed his portfolio of drawings of the Yom Kippur War.

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About 10,000 Israelis register for travel to Egypt

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

Egypt may well become a new and somewhat unexpected tourism source for Eilat following the opening of the direct air route between Israel and Egypt.

El Al's flights are already carrying large numbers of visitors to Cairo, mostly foreign tourists. However, travel agents in Israel have reported that some 10,000 Israelis have registered for Egyptian travel and the newly opened embassy and consulate section of that country, temporarily located at the Tel Aviv Hilton, is doing a thriving business in giving visas to Egypt.

Biggest setback to tourism, to Egypt, is the extreme shortage of suitable tourist accommodation. Presently offered are some 3,000 rooms but hotels such as Hilton, Sheraton or Meridien, and the other U.S.-managed hostelries, are not suited for the general means of the Israelis who prefer lower cost accommodation and more money for their favorite pastime . . . eating!

Those who will feel most at home in Egypt, is the large section of Israel's population who stem from Egypt and other Arab countries — about one third of the population. They speak the language and naturally feel more comfortable in the somewhat still new peace situation.

Meanwhile, travel agents from both countries, as well as from Europe and North America, among others, are seeking out the prospects for two-way tourism.

Tourism from Egypt will be divided into different classes. The Copts will head for Jerusalem. The well-heeled industrialist has already expressed a desire to stay at the luxury Tel Aviv Hilton. The younger set is eager to get to Eilat.

The growing popularity of the Israeli Red Sea resort, especially with sun and fun seeking Europeans has captured the imagination of those Egyptians who are thrilled at combining water sports, diving, wind-surfing and just laying around basking in the Red Sea lagoons . . . and "abroad" in Israel.

Now that the Egyptians have found a way to operate regular air services to Israel, using a private airline rather than the national airline so as not to create difficulties in other Arab countries, the next step will be direct flights to Eilat, just 20 minutes flight time away.

In recent weeks, several Egyptian travel agents have been scouting Eilat and have been highly impressed.

Although hotel accommodation in the town is well filled throughout the year, the numerous small hostelries are considered most suitable for the Egyptian tourists who will eventually come there.

For whatever the reason, Eilat has suddenly come into the news with several new developments that may finally give the resort town the push it has long needed. With only some 17,000 permanent residents and little or no industry other than the port, now also slipping into use following the freeing of the Suez Canal, the news of the reopening of King Solomon's Mines, the decision to construct several additional hotels and the construction of new facilities, all add up to a bright and rosy future for Eilat.

With Israel's runaway inflation, new taxes, price rises almost every week, it is apparent that many former Israeli world travelers will, this year, stay home and Eilat will be chosen for their vacations.

Travel by road fron Tel Aviv to Eilat takes around five hours. Many who like to do the journey nonstop have done it in less than four. Egged, Israel's huge transport co-operative, which covers the whole of the country, charges about $10 for the bus ride to Eilat.

The shortage of accommodation at Eilat may soon be overcome, and the announcement that a 5-star hotel is to be constructed, is taken as a sure sign that the township has really come into its own.

Several international hotel management companies are interested as also are foreign investors.

However, hotel construction in Israel, at the best, takes about four to five years. The Swiss-run Jolie Ville, a fine bungalow type hotel in the shadow of the Pyramids in Cairo, was transported lock, stock and barrel from Europe and the 200-room hotel went up in less than two months after the foundations had been completed. Two Israeli hoteliers are reported to be looking at this method as the only solution to meet Eilat's growing needs.

David Ben Gurion, whose vision and determination lead to the creation of Eilat, in March 1949, wrote in 1963 . . . "in the years to come, Eilat will be the gateway to the Far East and other countries, the nerve centre of the Negev, and eventually, a city of 100,000 inhabitants." That day is seemingly not far distant.

Fuel costs force Israel cancellations

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

A chief executive of Suntours, the largest tour wholesaler in Canada, cited higher airplane fares as the major reason for its recent cancellation of trips to Israel.

Rolf Nielsen, vice-president of Suntours sales marketing, told The Canadian Jewish News the escalation of fuel costs had caused all air fares to rise 60 to 70%. "The consumer now has to pay almost $1,000 for just the flight to Israel," he said. "This puts the land and air package at about $1,500, which is beyond what many are willing to pay."

He said inflation is making Canadians think twice about where and how to spend their disposable income.

"There is absolutely no decline in the yen to travel amongst Canadians," he noted, "but they are certainly looking closely at where they can get the most for their shrinking dollars. "Two weeks in Florida at $450 is pulling in business," he said. "Trips to Israel and Europe which run about $1,500 are not."

Fewer than 300 people signed up in the six weeks that Suntours advertised its spring-summer program to Israel, Nielsen said. "We need a much larger consumer response than this," he added. "Each flight aboard our 707s costs us $100,000."

Neilsen predicted that it would take at least a year for consumers to get used to the higher plane fares.

He was not worried about Israel's long-run tourist appeal. "There are few places in the world which can offer what Israel has to offer in terms of history, culture, hotel accommodation and beautiful beaches," he affirmed.

Last fall's Suntours' Bible Land tours — one special which ran as low as $949 for two-weeks — were popular, he said, because they were so affordable.

"Suntours will certainly try again in Israel but not this year," Nielsen stated. "The travel industry has to settle down."

He said the fact that the airlines couldn't even quote a price for August made any long-term planning impossible.

Commenting on Suntours' cancellation of its Israel program, Asher Rahav, director of tourism for Canada from the Israel government tourist agency, said he was "extremely disappointed."

Rahav claimed "Suntours jumped to very fast conclusions. It takes time to adjust to the new fares," he admitted. "But if the company waited just three weeks more, it would have paid off."

"Travel from Canada remained constant, even picked up despite inflation and high air fares," he maintained.

Rahav said that in February, alone, over 2,000 went to Israel which was comparable to last year's figures. Business from western Canada, particularly Alberta and British Columbia, had also shown a marked increase, he observed.

Several factors augur well for tourism to Israel, he contended. "The conclusion of the peace agreement and normalization between Israel and Egypt has opened up opportunities to visit Egypt," he said.

Suntours' first Israel program, which started April 1979, was cancelled last October. Re-introduced in January 1980, it was subsequently cancelled in February.

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Israel Consul-General David Ariel visited a new exhibition of Israeli art. With him are Guela Dagan and Karen Green, the curator of the Fine Line Gallery.

Opportunity to explore the nature of Israeli art

art

By MARSHA ROVAN

TORONTO —

As a firm believer in the idea that art (that is, Art) transcends the borderlines of time and place, religion and race, I nevertheless peruse any collection of art works for a sign that discerns a school of thought, an inkling of some collective approach or style.

The Israeli Collection II, currently on view at The Fine Line gallery, features a sample of paintings and prints of over 25 Israeli artists, and the exhibit offers a fine opportunity to explore what is unique in the nature of Israeli art.

The background of the artists is diverse, but whether they are natives or immigrants from Eastern Europe and Northern Africa, most have studied and exhibited outside the country — in Paris and the United States.

Their styles are varied, from the naive approach of self-taught members of the older generation with painterly depictions of landscape and genre scenes, to the expressionist, abstract and conceptual American — influenced work of the younger generation.

But is there a distinct school of thought, an indigenous style?

Where works range from the paintings of Jerusalem injected with light by Guela Dagan, the glorious colorful joy of the prints by Naftali Bezem, to the compelling purely abstract prints of Gross, Kupferman, Mnoukhine, Lavie and Neustein, then the search for a distinctive style is a futile one.

Still, the exhibit is well worth viewing, as these artists create out of their experience and whether literally depicted or not, their history and immediate surroundings play an influential part in their work.

What is exceptional about the country finds expression perhaps not in one style, but in the spirit of its artists and their work.

The exhibit was arranged by gallery owner and Israeli art afficionado Karen Green. It is the second annual show affording access to work by well known Israeli artists not given exposure elsewhere in Toronto.

Green views the general undervaluation here of the calibre and price of Israeli art as being advantageous to the art collector. Her thoughtful selections in the show are well accompanied by her personal collection of favorite prints and those which the gallery carries throughout the year.

The show continues through April 5 at The Fine Line gallery, 345 Bloor St. E.

Israeli chamber ensemble called 'melodically rich'

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Toronto, along with Washington and New York, was fortunate to have recently heard one of the world's outstanding chamber music ensembles: Israel's Yuval Trio. The St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall concert featured one of Tchaikovsky's most melodically rich, ingeniously constructed and surprisingly lesser-known masterworks: **Trio in A Minor.**

Its pithy minor-key emotionalism and melodic lyricism are more reminiscent of Brahms than of the flashy sentimentality of Tchaikovsky's more famous works. But its overall structure is far more inventive.

The first movement develops a powerful minor-key theme. The second movement begins with variations on a major-key folk-theme, developing into a joyous fugue and then into a triumphant symphonic climax. But this triumphant fire eventually burns itself out, finally settling into a dirge-like recapitulation of the initial minor-key theme.

What distinguishes the Yuval Trio is the richly passionate full tones of violinist Uri Plinks (chosen by Zubin Mehta to be concertmaster of the Israel Philharmonic) and former IPO principal cellist Simca Heled. Pianist Jonathan Zak ably supplied the strong foundation necessary to accentuate these freely expressive, sensual tones which were most effective during the sustained interval passages.

The trio's rendition of Schubert's **Trio in B-flat Major** was admirable for its correct subtle differentiation between the light-classical-grace meticulous phrasing of the Mozart-style Scherzo and the fuller romantic intensity of the other movements, especially the bravura final Rondo.

Rubinstein colorfully recounts lavish life of tours, loves, friends

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Arthur Rubinstein
My Many Years

One of the innumerable anecdotes that Arthur Rubinstein relates in this second and concluding portion of his lengthy autobiography concerns Koussevitzky, at the time conductor of the Boston Symphony. He was a conceited man. After a concert an ecstatic lady admirer gushed, "You are a god." "Yes," answered Koussevitzky, "But what a responsibility."

The author — pampered, lauded and extravagantly praised throughout his many years — does not regard himself as a divine personality. But he does feel the need to impart the events of his life with great exactitude. This book is a splendid example of the capacity for total recall.

Not that the lavish, abundant account is ever dull. On the contrary, Rubinstein regards himself as one of the "greatest chatterers of this century," and the description of his colorful tours around the globe, his numerous affairs and romantic escapades prior to his marriage in 1932, and his friendship with a host of renowned figures in art, politics and music keep the reader engrossed. But, so much!

In 1941, in Calgary, he had to play on a skating rink covered with wooden planks with a tent erected over it — "all this at a temperature of 10 degrees below zero." To his consternation he was put through a similar ordeal in Edmonton. He laughingly indicates that "both these wealthy cities now have the finest concert halls imaginable."

The trials of a concert pianist are numerous and unexpected. The indomitable maestro played concerts during the turbulent days of the Mexican civil war, with a swollen head that had to be disguised with wrappings, in the teeth of a near hurricane at the Lewishon Stadium in New York and during a fierce rainstorm in Philadelphia.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1941, he was playing in New York when news of Pearl Harbor reached the conductor and stage hands. "On my way to the piano (Rodzinki) said to me: "You must play The Star Spangled Banner." The startling announcement was made and everyone stood briefly at stiff attention and then quietly settled down to listen to the Brahms Concerto which the artist played with special fervor.

Through the years there has been a controversy about the Nazi proclivities of the German pianist Walter Gieseking. The author helps clear up the confusion. Gieseking assured him: "I am a convinced Nazi, Hitler is saving my country." To which the author replied, "Look here Gieseking, you had better keep out my way." Rubinstein never addressed or looked at him again.

Fading eyesight made it necessary for the author to retire about four years ago from active concert work. At 93 he looks back on a long eventful creative life that may be divided into two segments. Until the age of 40 he was more interested in pleasure than serious music, more a rake and dilettante than a servant of his artistic genius. Gradually, however, especially after his marriage to Nela, many years his junior, he developed a musical conscience and a quest for excellence.

A frequent visitor in Israel, Rubinstein loves and defends the country and is refreshingly outspoken and affirmative about his Jewish loyalties.

The author's motto, "I shall never give in," has stood him in good stead, especially during the bitter period when he was forced to flee from the Nazis with his family, leaving all his wordly goods behind.

This is a charming and gossipy work — much like an intelligently written personal diary — that beguiles as it informs.

Alpha Omega women annual art exhibit starts April 26

TORONTO —

Alpha Omega Women will display at its 11th annual art exhibit and sale works of art by the "Grandpa Moses" of Israel, Shalom of Safed.

The show, to be held at the Civic Garden Centre at Edwards Gardens on Saturday, April 26, starting at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., will feature pieces by Israel's most celebrated artist who died in January at the age of 89.

Born Shalom Moscovitz in Safed, the bespectacled, bearded gentleman was known as "der zeigermacher," the watchmaker, until around 1960 when his blurring eyesight began to make his precisely detailed work too exacting. He turned to painting children's toys to earn his living.

A neighboring artist, Yosel Bregner, was so taken with his brilliant and witty talent that he encouraged him to turn his attention to painting on canvas. Shalom used as subject matter what he knew best — the Bible. His canvasses depict his own delightful, often unorthodox interpretation of stories from the Old Testament.

According to an article in a Buffalo newspaper, Shalom was one of the world's most acclaimed naive artists, but "his work manages to go beyond simple naivete. He realizes complex scenes in an original and immediately recognizable way. His work displays an extraordinary sense of color and an even more extraordinary sense of humor," says the article.

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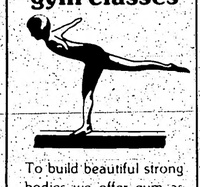

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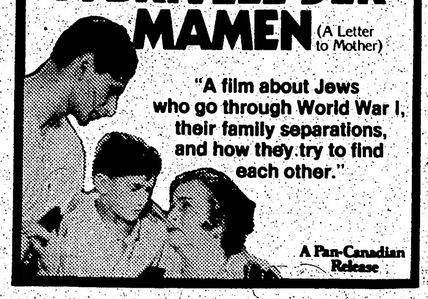

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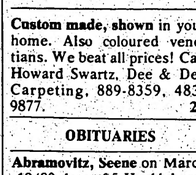

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Maurice Corson, national executive director of UIA, [centre] chats with members of the Stashiver Society on evening of their annual UJA banquet, where he was guest speaker. With him are Jack Rosen, president; Henry Jaskolka, UJA chairman; Gertie Kates and Nathan Freedman.

Two-year wage negotiations stall for Beth Hayeled staff

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Wage negotiations since 1978 between the nursery and junior kindergarten teachers and the administration of Associated Hebrew Schools remain unresolved over the issue of an increase in a two-year contract. A conciliation effort in February by the Ontario ministry of labor was declared a "seized board," with no recommendation filed.

Both sides have agreed to a 79-80 salary range of $6,800 to $8,350 for full-time Beth Hayeled staff at Associated's Neptune, Finch and Leslie branches. The teachers are pressing for a further increase in the 80-81 academic year to be written into a second year of their contract, which is currently negotiated every year. The administration declines to make second-year commitments.

Current salaries for Beth Hayeled full-time teachers range from $6,300 to $7,000 annually, for a 42-week year of two 2½-hour classes, five days a week. Several teachers commute between two branches.

The salary scale in the public school system for teachers with comparable duties and qualifications was established in 1978 by the Association of Early Childhood Education of Ontario as $8,800-$14,000. Associated teachers are requesting a similar scale over two years.

Salaries of part-time teachers, those with one 2½-hour class daily, currently range from $2,500 to $4,500. The school offers to adjust the scale to $3,950 to $4,300. Teachers are asking $4,500 to $7,500.

Jack Brudner, administration negotiator, told The Canadian Jewish News that the agreed-upon first-year settlement pays a novice teacher an hourly rate of about $6. Andrew Garay, of the Association of General Studies Teachers in Hebrew Day Schools, says the novice rate, with contractually stipulated pre-class time reckoned in, has been little more than $3 per hour.

Brudner says the school has refused to commit itself on a second year for two reasons: this was not part of the agreed-upon frame of reference when the negotiations began; and the "tuitions fee estimate for the following year would be thrown out of whack."

Garay says the teachers are depending on the second year of a two-year contract to bring them to a near-parity position with public school teachers. Discussing the salaries' component in the overall cost of running the Beth Hayeled, he said that in the public system, salaries account for 60-70% of the total budget, while at Associated the proportion is less than 50%.

Garay said the $8,800 to $14,000 range sought by the full-time teachers represents, when pro-rated, an acutal range of $7,000-$11,000. He added that teachers agreed to have salary increases retroactive to September 79 rather than 78, as they originally wanted.

"Our teachers are very important to us," said Brudner. "The administration will do whatever it can in the hope of resolving the negotiations in a very satisfactory manner for all."

PLO trains for suicide missions

SOUTH LEBANON [ZINS] — PLO cadres are receiving pilot training in Istanbul, according to Wafa, the PLO News Service.

The bulletin said the pilots are practicing suicide-type missions against targets in Israel.

Previous training of pilots has taken palce in Libya and Uganda, before the overthrow of Idi Amin.

At the same time, senior officials in Kuwait report that 18,000 Palestinians have been expelled over the last three months for violating residence and work laws.

According to the same reports, deportations are continuing at the rate of 200 to 250 per day.

PLO stops highjackings

SOUTHERN LEBANON [ZINS] — In an interview with the Beirut newspaper El Wattan el Arabi, Brig. Gen. Saad Sadil, "war minister" of the PLO, declared that the leadership of that organization recently decided to introduce several changes in its guerilla tactics, including a decision to stop highjacking planes.

Sadil's statement was in answer to a question put to him by the editor of the newspaper as to whether the Palestinians were ready to heed a plea of a delegation of black Americans to stop the military attacks by the PLO, in order to gain recognition from the U.S. government.

Sadil emphasized that the present relative armistice observed by the PLO does not mean that the Palestinians have given up their military options. He conceded that the PLO is utilizing this armistice to reorganize its military forces. When that reorganization is completed, "the PLO will intensify its activities which will continue until they are transformed in a general rebellion of the population living in the occupied areas."

Said Sadil: "What has happened in Iran will also occur in occupied Palestine."

Controversial docudrama loses 4 sponsors

Four leading television advertisers have decided not to sponsor "Playing for Time," the controversial docudrama to be aired in the near future by CBS, in which Vanessa Redgrave, supporter of the PLO, plays Fania Fenelon, a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz.

The action resulted from correspondence between Jack Geller, president of the Advertising Lodge of B'nai B'rith and media representatives of 30 top television advertisers, according to The Jewish Week - American Examiner.

During the past three months, Geller, president of Weiss and Geller advertising agency, urged a boycott of the program, and has been questioning companies on their intentions to sponsor. He has now received responses from 10 potential sponsors whose combined annual television budgets exceed one billion dollars.

The four companies who told Geller they would not participate in the sponsorship of the program were Campbell Soup Co., Ralston Purina Co., Toyota Motor Co., and Warner-Lambert Co. Representatives for the six others — Bristol Meyers Co., Ford Motor Co., General Foods Corp., McDonalds Corp., Procter and Gamble Co. and General Motors — indicated they had made no decision yet but "would give very careful consideration" to Geller's view before they made a commitment.

Responses from those who did not plan to sponsor the program were revealing: "Our policy regarding television programming is to avoid programs that seriously treat ethnic, religious or political groups in a disparaging manner," wrote Herbert M. Baum, director, marketing services for Campbell Soup.

"Regarding the casting of Ms. Redgrave in a role which is in direct opposition to her political views, we believe this tactic is highly controversial and we place the program outside our acceptable standards of desirable family television fare," he continued.

Dorris Hewkin, manager, office of consumer affairs of Ralston Purina, said her company has a policy that states "we will not advertise any of our products in a way that does not adhere to high standards of taste or that contains material that might possibly be considered offensive to the general viewing public."

CBS has not announced who Playing for Time sponsors will be.

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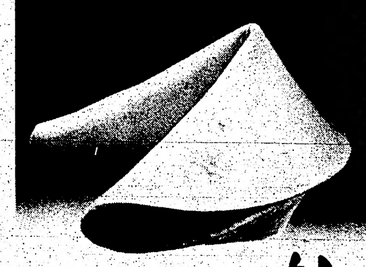

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Mid-life crisis prompted Torgov into launching career as serious writer

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Most thinking men go through the wrenching experience of a mid-life crisis in their 30s or 40s. Morley Torgov, the well-known novelist, reached his moment of truth when he was 42.

Torgov had dreamed of becoming a journalist, but his parents had other plans in mind for their son. They thought he should study medicine and forget journalism. Finally, a compromise was worked out: young Torgov would take up law.

And so he did. Torgov enjoyed success as a lawyer, but there was something missing in his life. The gap, he realized, could only be filled by writing. In 1957 he sold his first TV script to CBC, and five years later, he wrote another one. In the late 1960s and early 1970s he produced a television column for a Toronto trade newspaper, That's Showbusiness.

But this activity did not quench his creative thirst. "I hadn't written anything important, but I felt I had the talent to do so," he recalls. "My productivity in the 50s and 60s was really minimal. I was too busy building a law practice and raising a family."

By 1970, Torgov was a frustrated writer. And doubts concerning the nature of his life nagged him. "The only way out of it was to write seriously," he explained in an interview in his downtown office.

So Torgov, who was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., wrote a short piece about growing up Jewish for The Globe and Mail Magazine. The editor liked it and asked for more. "Just as I was well into it, the periodical folded," says Torgov, now 52.

Undaunted, the aspiring writer showed his collection of vignettes to several editors in the city. "They couldn't use it, even though they thought it was good stuff. They suggested I expand it into a full-length book."

He heeded their advice. In the summer of 1971, having arranged to work a four-day week at his law office, Torgov undertook the task. Three years and many revisions later, **A Good Place To Come From** was published to critical acclaim. It won him the 1975 Leacock Medal for humor. (Recently, CBC-TV showed a three part series based on the book.)

In 1977, Torgov wrote **The Abramsky Variations,** which a Jerusalem Post reviewer termed a "glorious comedy." This saga of a family was received almost as well as **A Good Place To Come From.**

For the last few months, Torgov has been at work on his third novel, as yet untitled.

"I can't say much about it," says Torgov, whom The Globe and Mail has described as "a natural storyteller."

"It's a novel set in Toronto, in our time," he adds. "I need six months to a year to complete it."

Torgov reflects on his career as a writer. "I'm now doing in my 50s what I should have been doing in my 30s." Though he may regret the fact that he started writing fairly late, Torgov has good company. Joseph Conrad, for example, did not write literate English until he was in his late 40s.

Despite the status he has achieved as a serious novelist, Torgov still practices law. Ideally, he'd love to spend several months each year away from the office, writing and traveling. But this ideal, he says, won't materialize unless he earns "big amounts" from his novels.

And yet Torgov would never entirely give up law, its drawbacks notwithstanding. He dislikes the adversarial system, the complexity of laws and sometimes he is bored by it all. Nevertheless, the legal profession works to his advantage as a writer, he notes.

"There's a tendency in law to go for precision in language. And the daily contact I have with the business world means I don't live in an ivory tower atmosphere."

The clients he encounters and the deals he helps promulgate are grist for his literary mill. "I shape the raw material into art," he says. "I couldn't write in a cocoon-like atmosphere."

Torgov, who still devotes at least four days a week to his practice, compares himself to Louis Auchincloss, the American novelist who is also a lawyer during the day.

Like Auchincloss, he has no difficulty forgetting the cares of law when it is time to write. "I can drop an iron curtain over my office," he says.

Torgov usually writes between nine and midnight on week days and part of Saturday and Sunday. On occasion, if he is particularly inspired, he'll write most of the night.

"My wife and children have been extremely supportive of me," he observes. Anna Pearl, his wife, is a native of St. Catherines. "She's an ardent athlete, the jock in the family. And she's active in Hadassah, and is a ceramicist."

The Torgovs have two children — Sarah Jane, 24, an actress (she had a role in **Meatballs**) and Alexander, 20, a third-year University of Toronto student who is an amateur musician.

A painstaking writer, Torgov agonizes over words, sentences and paragraphs. "I'll write 10 drafts of something until I like it. I'm very demanding of myself and I edit myself very hard. I can't go forward in a book until it's cleaned and swept."

Morley Torgov

Depending upon his mood, he uses either a typewriter or a pen. Unlike many writers, he does not set a target for himself. "I've spent as long as one day on a paragraph. But I've written thousands of words, too."

Torgov works on his completed first draft, in the subway, on the way to the office each morning. "I take it at nine o'clock, when it's pretty empty. So it's like having a private limousine. The degree of my concentration depends on the attractiveness of the passengers. It depends on whether she crosses her legs!"

Asked which writer has most influenced him, Torgov mentions Louis Auchincloss. "I admire his compressed literary style. I don't like florid writing." In general, his favorite writers are Philip Roth, Bernard Malamud, Joseph Heller and Isaac B. Singer.

Mordechai Richler is the Canadian writer he admires above all others. "I would like to be as acerbic as Richler. He writes with the sharpest pen in this country. And his comic timing is great."

As a writer, Torgov is attempting to simplify his prose and develop what he calls "a keener feel for plot structure." He believes his strength lies in his ability to capture dialogue of middle-class urban Jews.

He fumes when well-meaning friends ask him why he writes exclusively about Jews. "The people I know best are the people with whom I associate, and 90% of them are Jews."

Similarly, Torgov has no time for critics who argue that in his books he washes his dirty laundry in public. "When I began A Good Place To Come From I didn't know if I had the courage to poke into the family closet," he admits. But he did, and he has had no regrets. "Reaction has generally been favorable," he says. "One of the best compliments I got from Ben Kayfetz (executive director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith). He said it showed the characters honestly, with all their warts."

Torgov thinks he can refine his objectivity by leading a detached sort of life. "I used to belong to a Reform temple, but today I'm not committed religiously. In my 30s and 40s, I was very active in B'nai B'rith. Now I don't have the time . . . I'm not much of a joiner."

Yet he does not live like a hermit. His social life, he hastens to point out, is good. And away from the writing desk, he and his family spend a fair amount of their time in their cottage in Haliburton. At home, or in Haliburton, Torgov gets a charge out of reading car magazines. "As a kid, I developed a love for automobiles."

Has writing changed his life? "Yes," he replies. "It's made me examine myself and others more than I used to." And something else, he says.

"Once I felt like one of 5,000 lawyers walking the streets of Toronto. Now I feel a little different. I get some satisfaction from knowing that when I pop off, I'll have left a mark, at least two books, and maybe more."

Edgar Bronfman urges WJC to adopt 'really new dialogue'

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Edgar Bronfman, chairman of the North American branch of the World Jewish Congress, has called for "a really new dialogue" between Israel and Diaspora Jewry which, instead of focusing on Israel's "centrality in Jewish life," must be focused on the "lifeline of that centrality," meaning "the new relationship between Israel and Jews outside of Israel."

In a guest column in the current issue of the WJC News & Views, Bronfman, who is the convenor of the WJC Presidium's Executive while WJC president Philip Klutznick, recently appointed U.S. secretary of commerce, is on leave of absence, was sharply critical of Israel's settlement policies and observed that while most Diaspora Jews remain publicly uncritical of Israel, they are increasingly anxious and concerned by political, social and economic troubles in the Jewish state.

"There is disappointment in a country which is less than what the original Zionists envisioned — an Israel which we wanted to think of as the embodiment of Jewish ideals: fairness, justice, wisdom," Bronfman wrote.

Some of the troubling factors, according to the writer, are Israel's "rampant inflation, abysmal productivity and social services it cannot afford. Dissension exists over the handling of the West Bank and its one million plus Arabs and difficulties with the not quite half million 'resident' Arabs who are Israeli citizens. Israel has also dismally failed to deal adequately with its Sephardi population, some 60% of the Jews in Israel."

This adds up to "trouble," Bronfman wrote. "It is an Israel which, largely because of its political system has been unable to become (the expectation is undoubtedly unfair, but it does exist) the repository of the Jewish ideal; a country which expects its fellow Jews living abroad, especially in the United States, to 'hold the line' for it no matter what; a country whose moral base is slowly eroding because of its inability to explain its 'expansionist' policies on the West Bank, let alone its ability to deal constructively and decently with many, too many, of its own citizens and its failure to be the embodiment of Jewish ideals."

Bronfman said that "Israel must learn to stop asking the unreasonable of American Jewry (English, French and others, too). It must stop sweeping its basic problems under the rug of capital infusions from 'Jews in exile' and must realize that, as long as it is willing to take our money, it must at least consult with us on the priorities."

He warned that "young Jews, if they stay Jewish, are becoming less and less willing unquestioningly to say 'My Israel, right or wrong,' and so are their elders. Israel will reasonably soon have to stand on its own two feet, economically. To do this, given its location, it will have to be both economically viable and morally impressive," he wrote.

Hate case: acquit 2

TORONTO —

A York County Court judge has acquitted two Metro Toronto men charged with conspiring to incite racial hatred of Jews and Blacks.

Early during the case police presented the court with stacks of leaflets, stickers and other literature that denounced Jews. The court was also told that both accused men were former members of the Western Guard Party.

Judge Douglas Coo, in dismissing the charge, said he had read the literature filed with the court and found it to be "absolute garbage." But he said he was not persuaded it was hate literature.

The only other case in Ontario covering hate literature was heard in Windsor, where two men were charged with distributing anti-French material. Both were found guilty, but that decision was overturned by a court of appeal.

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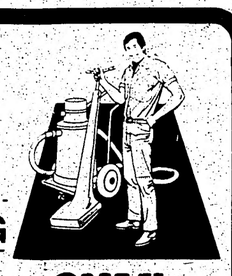
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